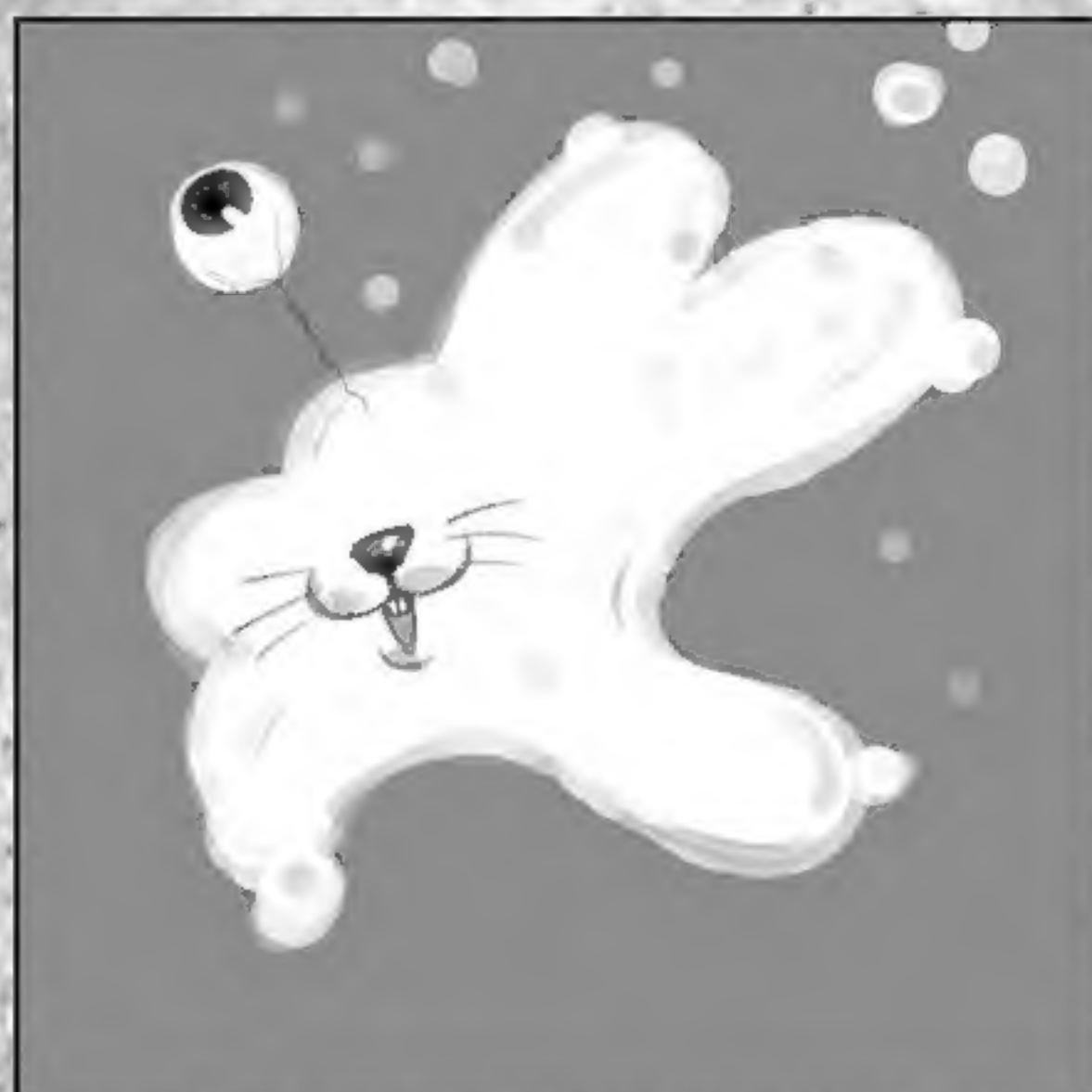


SHINJUTSU KAISEN

A manga cover illustration featuring a blonde woman with a red eye, wearing a black sleeveless top, holding a large orange sphere. She is surrounded by red hearts and a red jacket is visible in the bottom left corner.

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Emulsify everything first.

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STARS
AND
OIL



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JUJUTSU KAISEN

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Special Grade Cursed Object:
Death Painting Womb

Choso

Jujutsu High First-Year

**Megumi
Fushiguro**

Jujutsu High
First-Year

Yuji Itadori

Special Grade
Jujutsu Sorcerer

Yuki Tsukumo

Kenjaku

—CURSE—

Hardship, regret, shame...
The misery that comes from
these negative human
emotions can lead to death.

As sorcerers begin killing each other as part of Kenjaku's culling game, Naoya is transformed into a cursed spirit and attacks Maki and Noritoshi. After culling game players Daido and Miyo join the fight, Maki learns from them and defeats Naoya. Meanwhile, Itadori and Fushiguro find out that "the Angel" residing in Kurusu wants to kill "the Disgraced One"!

Special Grade
Cursed Object

**Ryomen
Sukuna**

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AND
OIL

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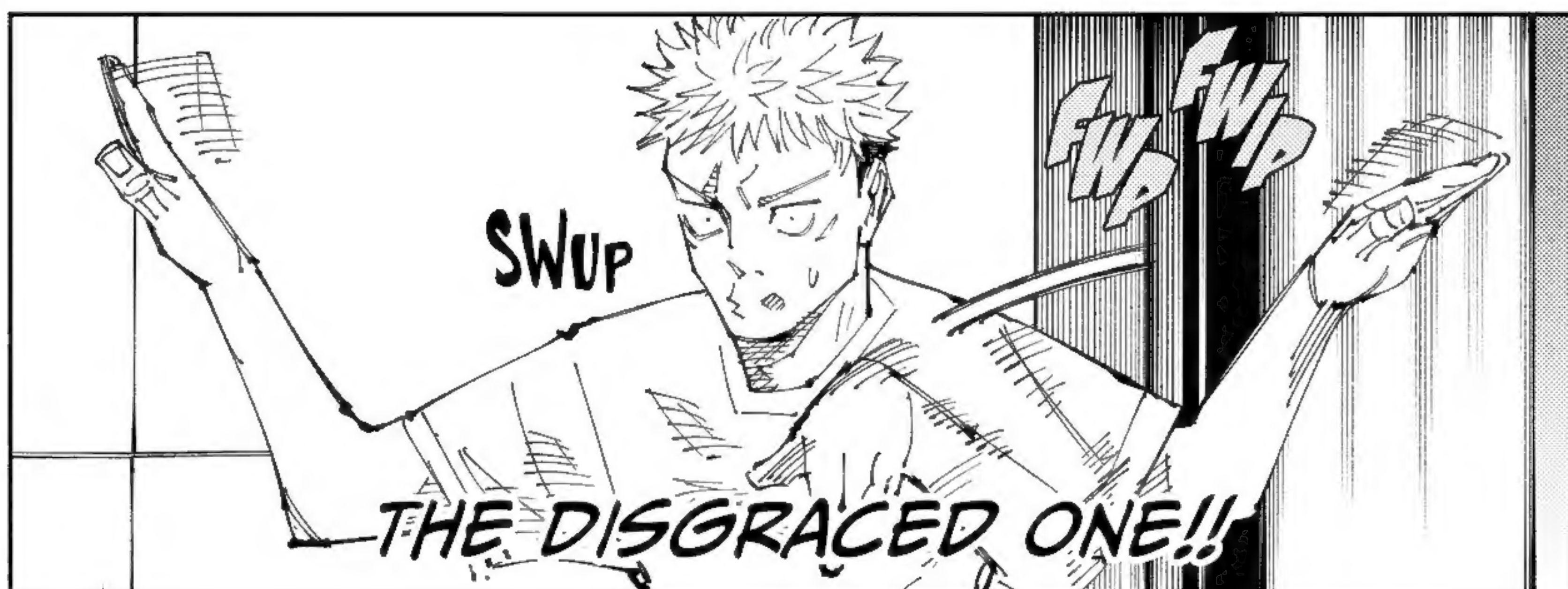
I'M THE
DISGRACED
ONE.

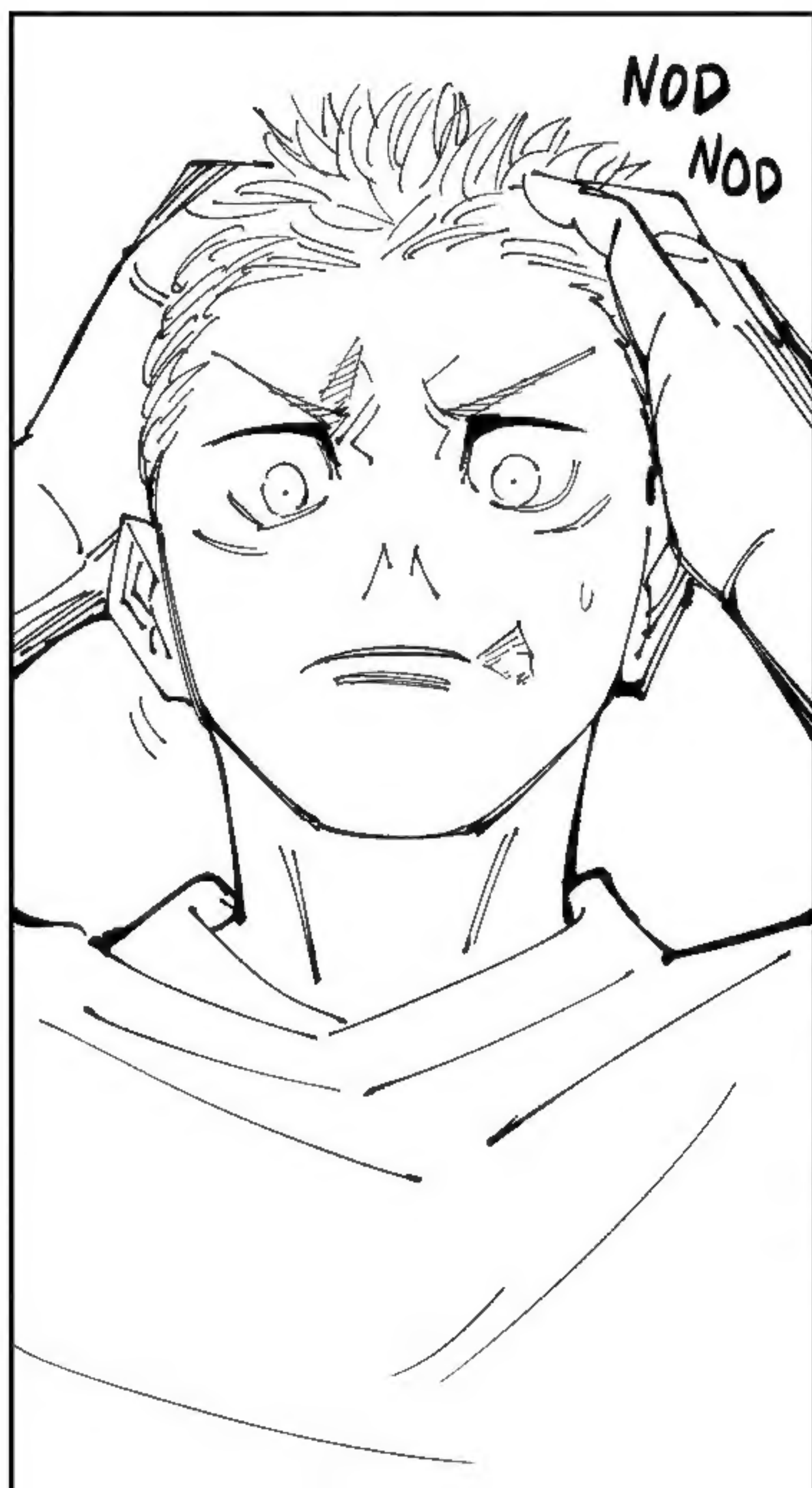
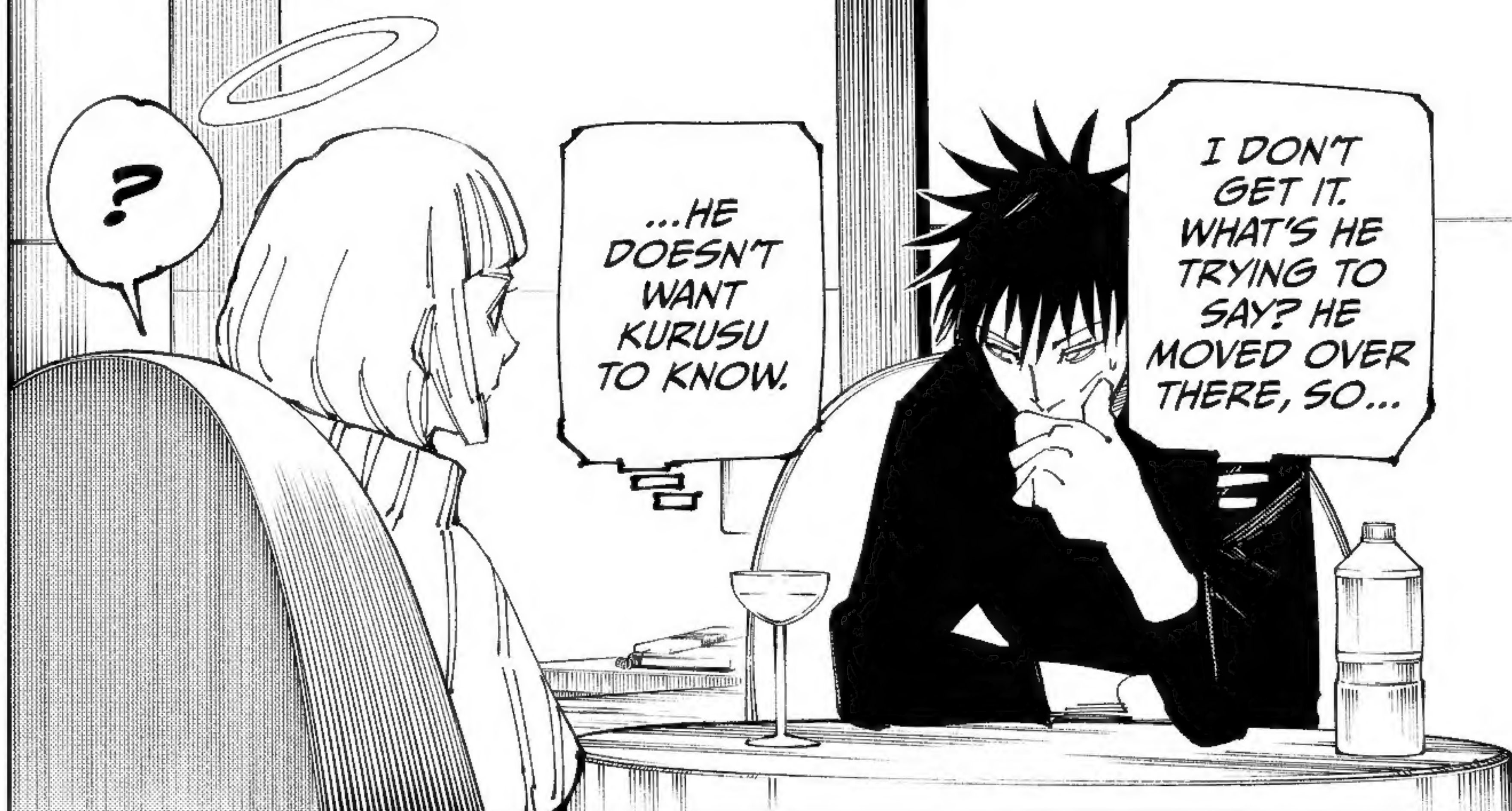


CHAPTER 200:
DIRECT TALKS, PART 1









BUT
THAT'S
SUKUNA
?!

THAT
MEANS
THE
ANGEL'S
TARGET
IS...

AND THEIR
CONDITION
IS KILLING
A PLAYER
KNOWN
AS THE
DISGRACED
ONE!

WE NEED
THE ANGEL'S
HELP TO
UNDO GOJO
SENSEI'S
SEAL!

...YUJI
ITADORI!

DID
HE GET
IT?

THE ANGEL MUST
BE ABLE TO
KILL SUKUNA AND
NOT HAVE HIM
REINCARNATE.

WHY DID
SUKUNA
TELL ME
TO KEEP
QUIET?

WE'VE HIT
ANOTHER
SNAG!!
BUT WHAT
BUGS ME
MOST IS
THAT
ITADORI...

IS HE STILL
UNDER-
ESTIMATING
ME?

HAS HE
FORGOTTEN I
ALREADY DIED
ONCE?



...BUT
WHEN
THIS IS
OVER...

I DON'T
KNOW WHY
THE OLDER
STUDENTS
HAVEN'T ADDED
A RULE YET...

FUSHIGURO
IS FINE
NOW.

WE'VE
GATHERED
POINTS.





...I'M
GONNA
DIE!



...

THAT'S
ODD.



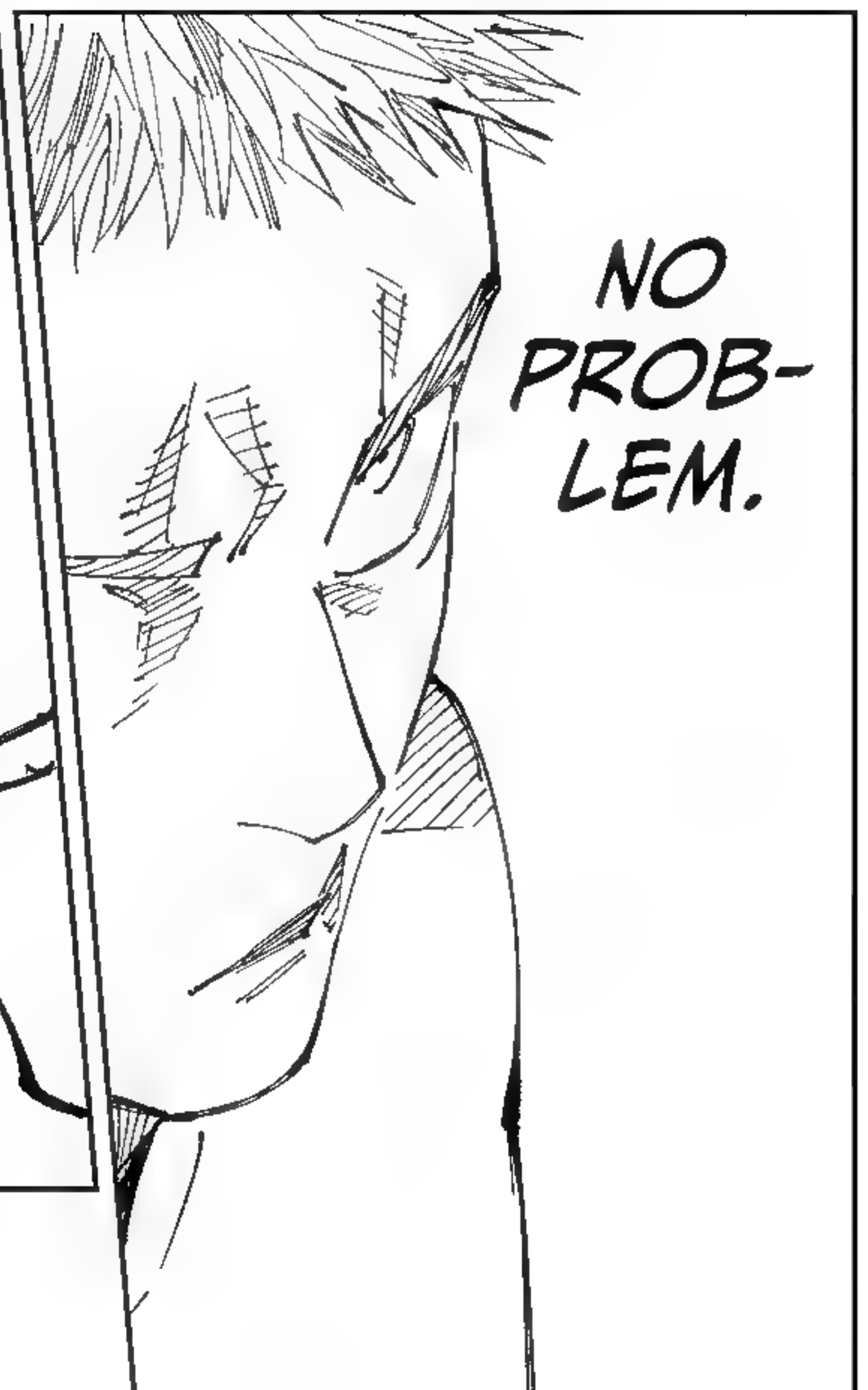
...ITA-
DORI
WILL
KILL
HIM-
SELF!

THE
PROB-
LEM
IS...

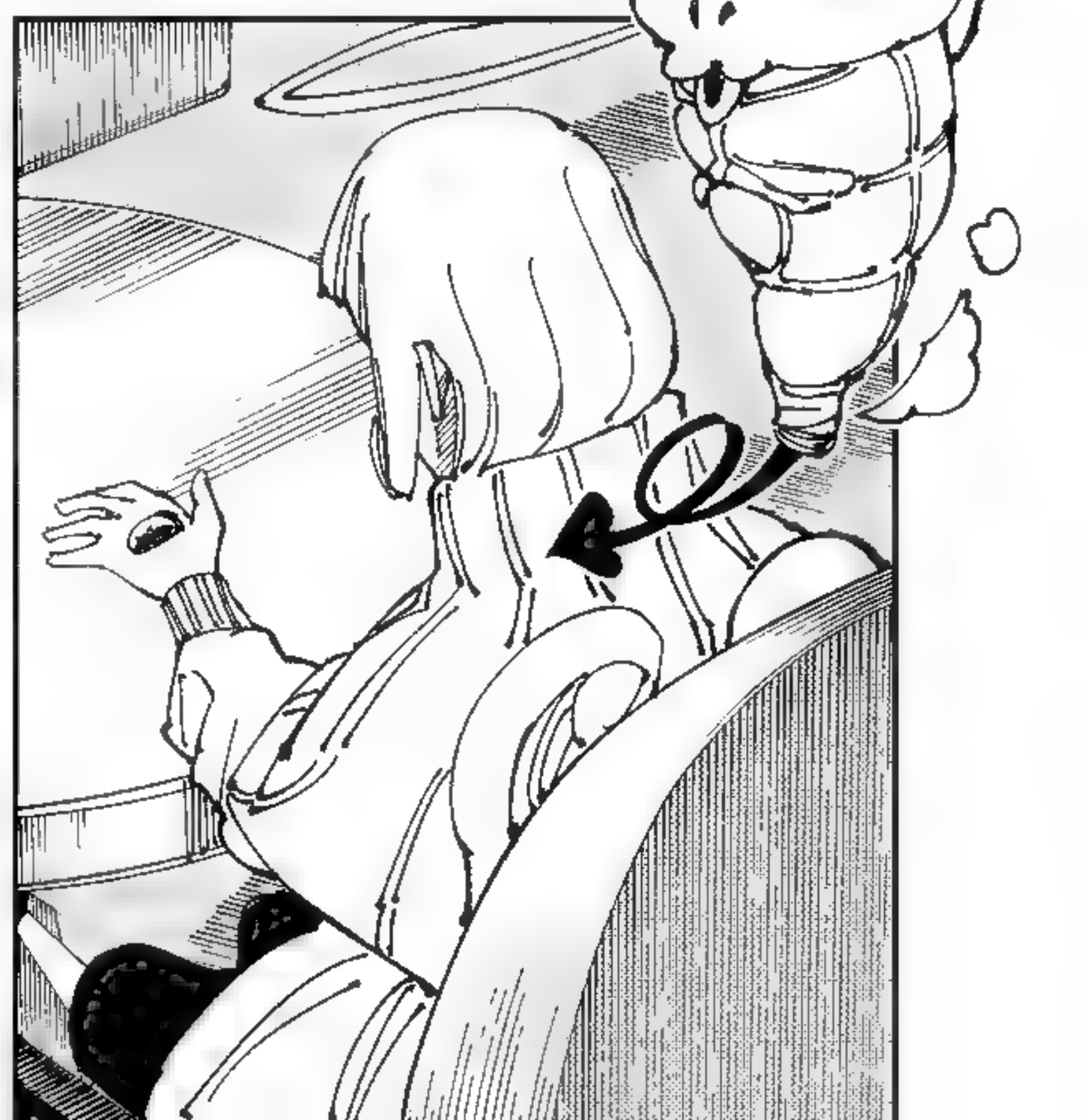
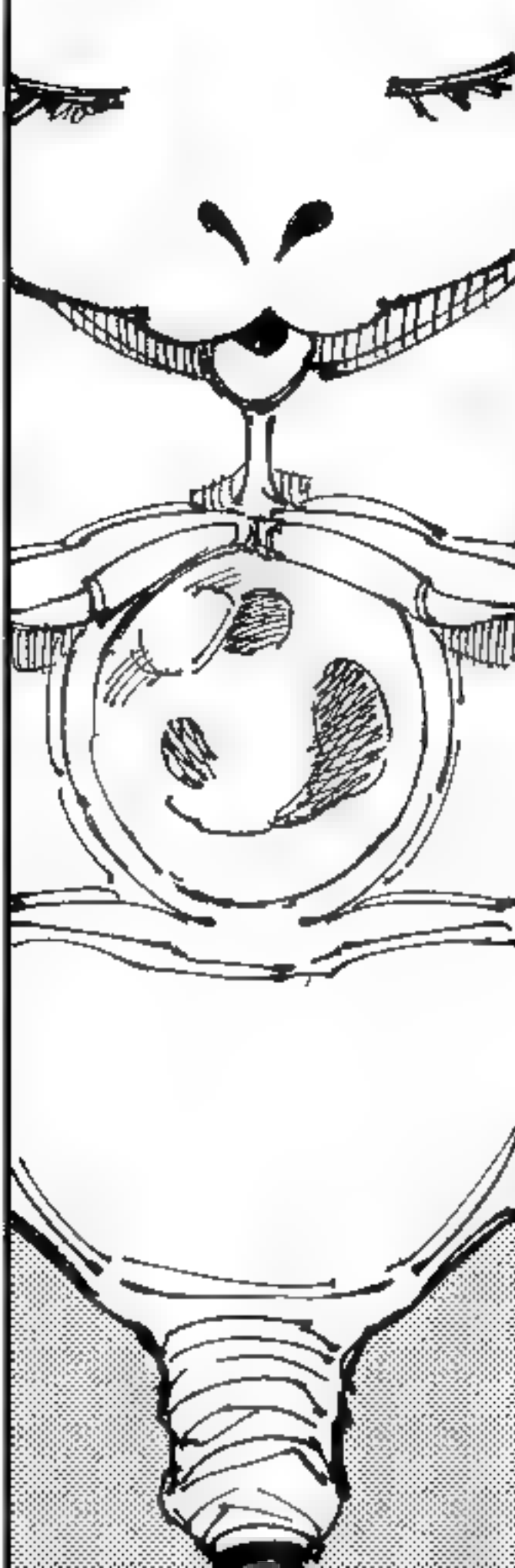
...AND
GOJO
SENSEI
WILL
RETURN.

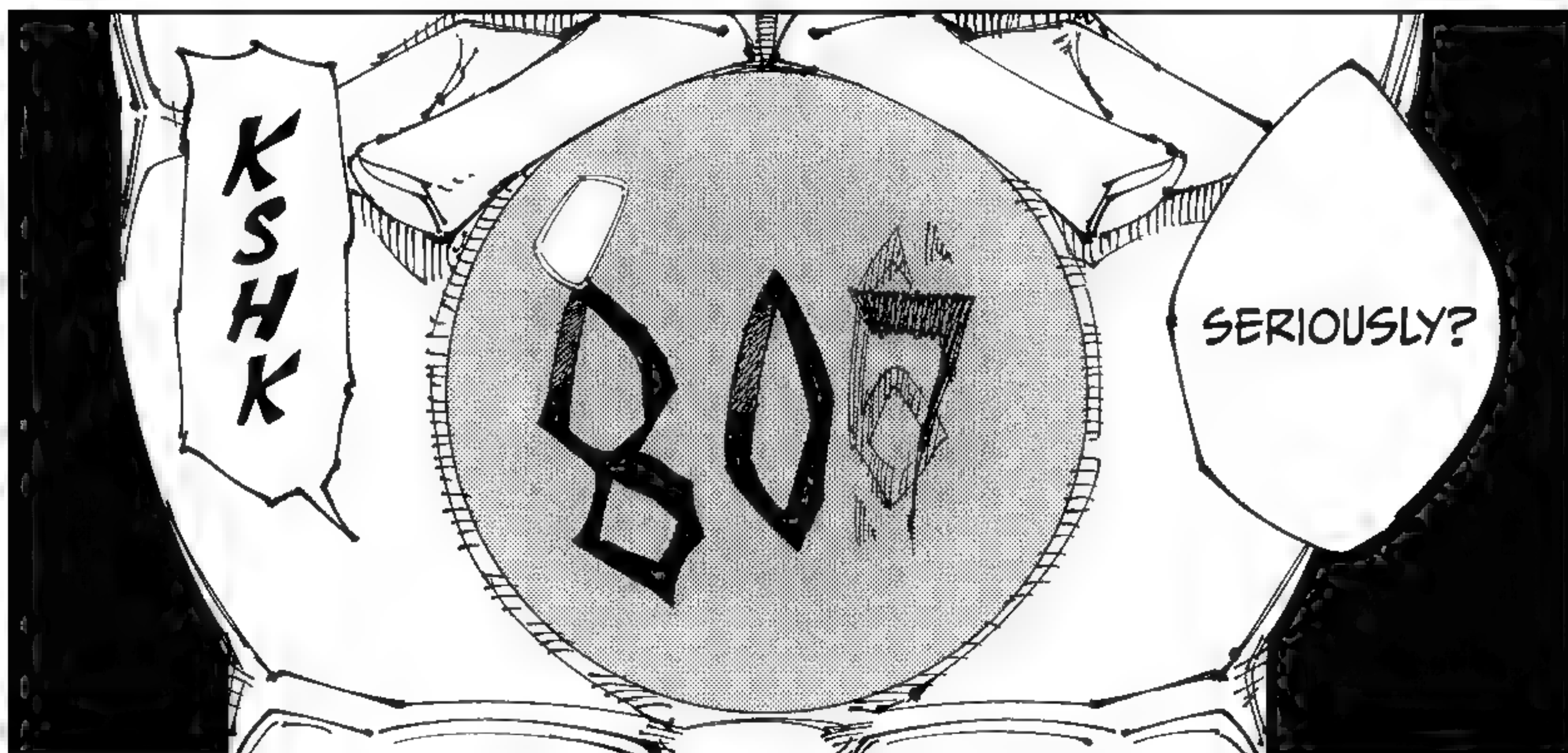
...OVER
HALF OF
SUKUNA'S
REMAINS
WILL DIS-
APPEAR...

AND
THEN...



NO
PROB-
LEM.





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INDIVIDUALS WHO
ARE ABLE TO
CONTROL THAT
ENERGY AND
DEMONSTRATE
WHAT YOU CALL
**SUPERNATURAL
ABILITIES...**



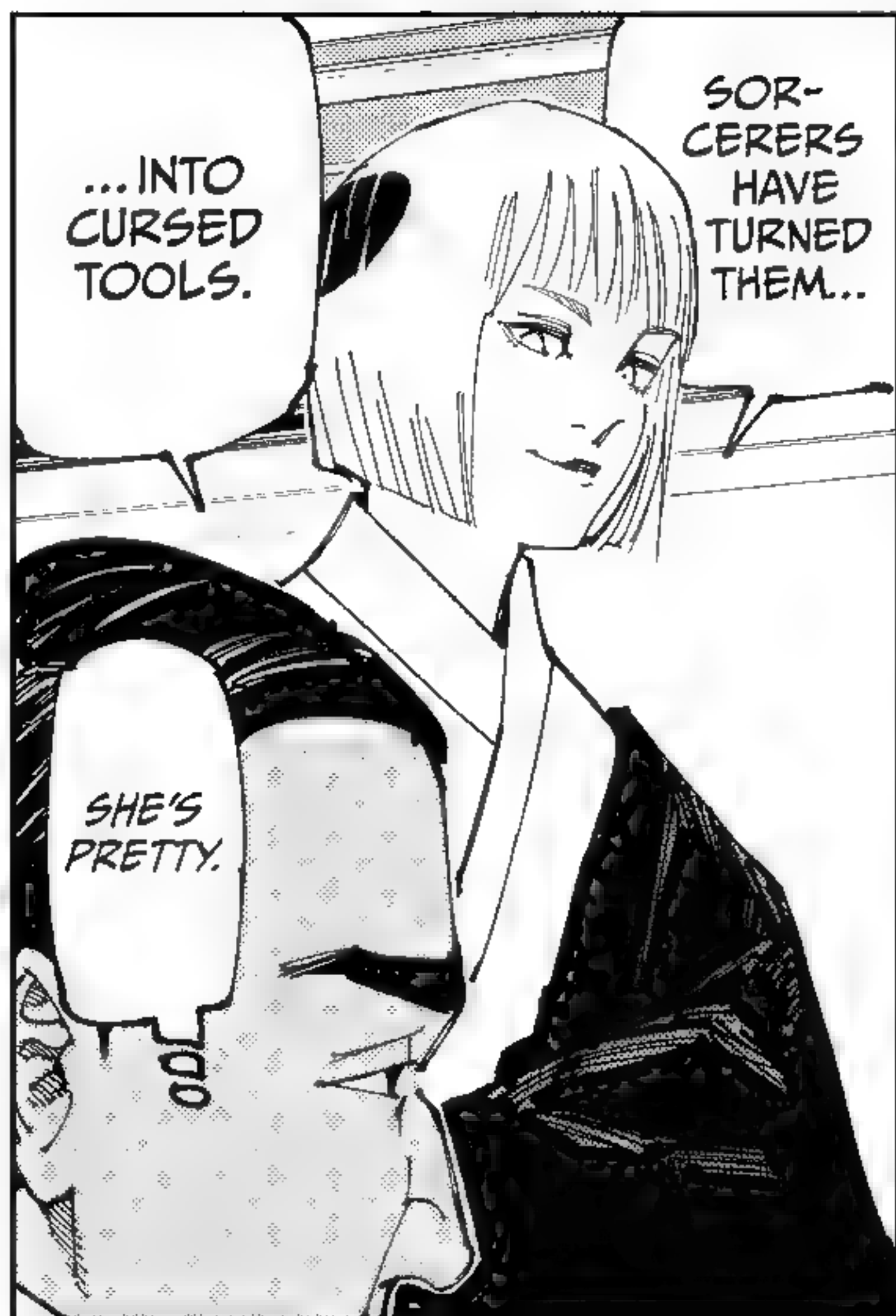
WHEN IT
BUILDS UP, IT
CREATES A KIND
OF SPECTER
OR MONSTER
CALLED A
**CURSED
SPIRIT.**



THE STRESS
FROM NEGATIVE
EMOTION PRODUCES
A **CURSED ENERGY**
THAT IS ALWAYS
LEAKING OUT, EVEN
IF ONLY IN SMALL
AMOUNTS, FROM
JAPANESE
PEOPLE.







...INTO
CURSED
TOOLS.

SOR-
CERERS
HAVE
TURNED
THEM...

SHE'S
PRETTY.



WHY THE
GLASSES?

THEY WILL
ALLOW
YOU TO SEE
CURSED SPIRITS
AND OTHER
MANIFESTATIONS
OF CURSED
ENERGY.

THEY
FUNCTION
AS A
KIND OF
SCREEN.

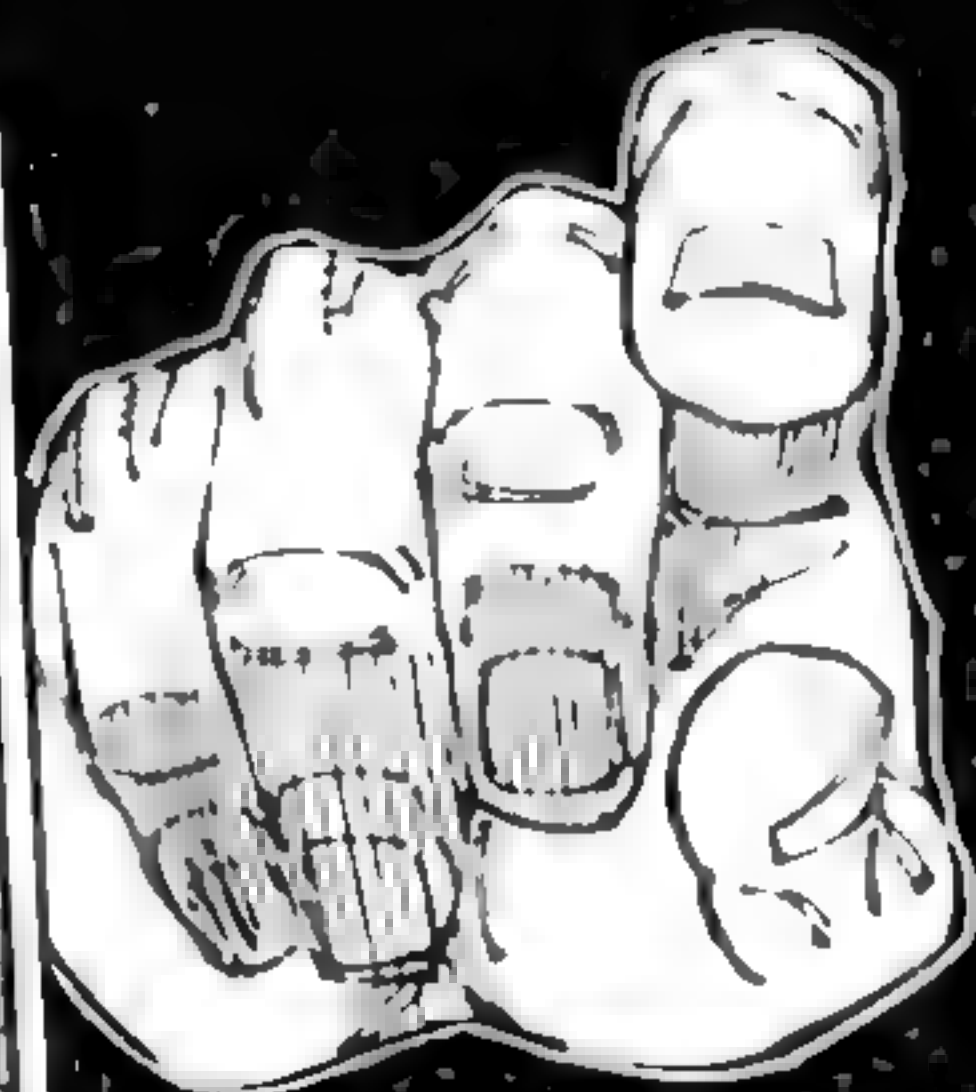


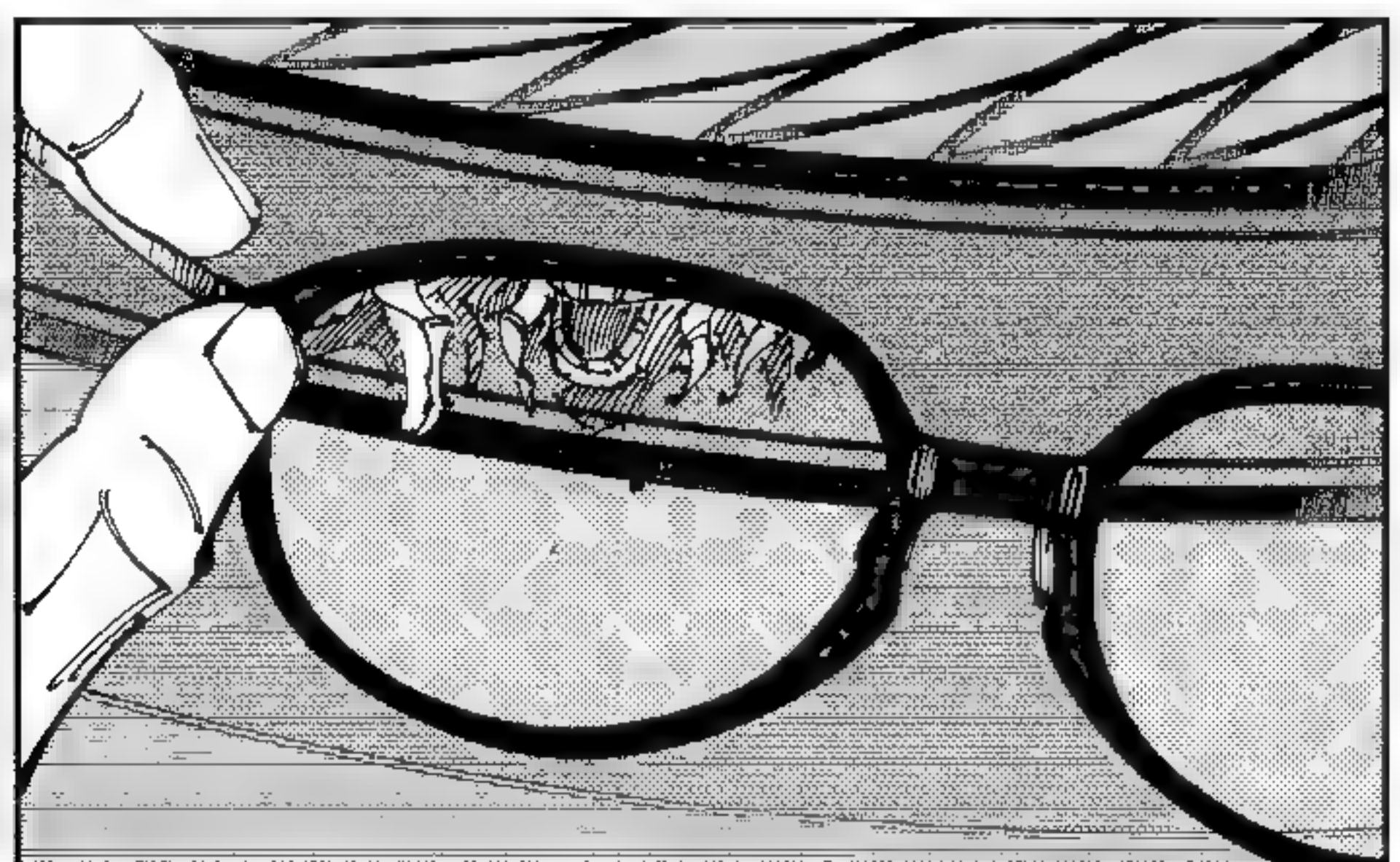
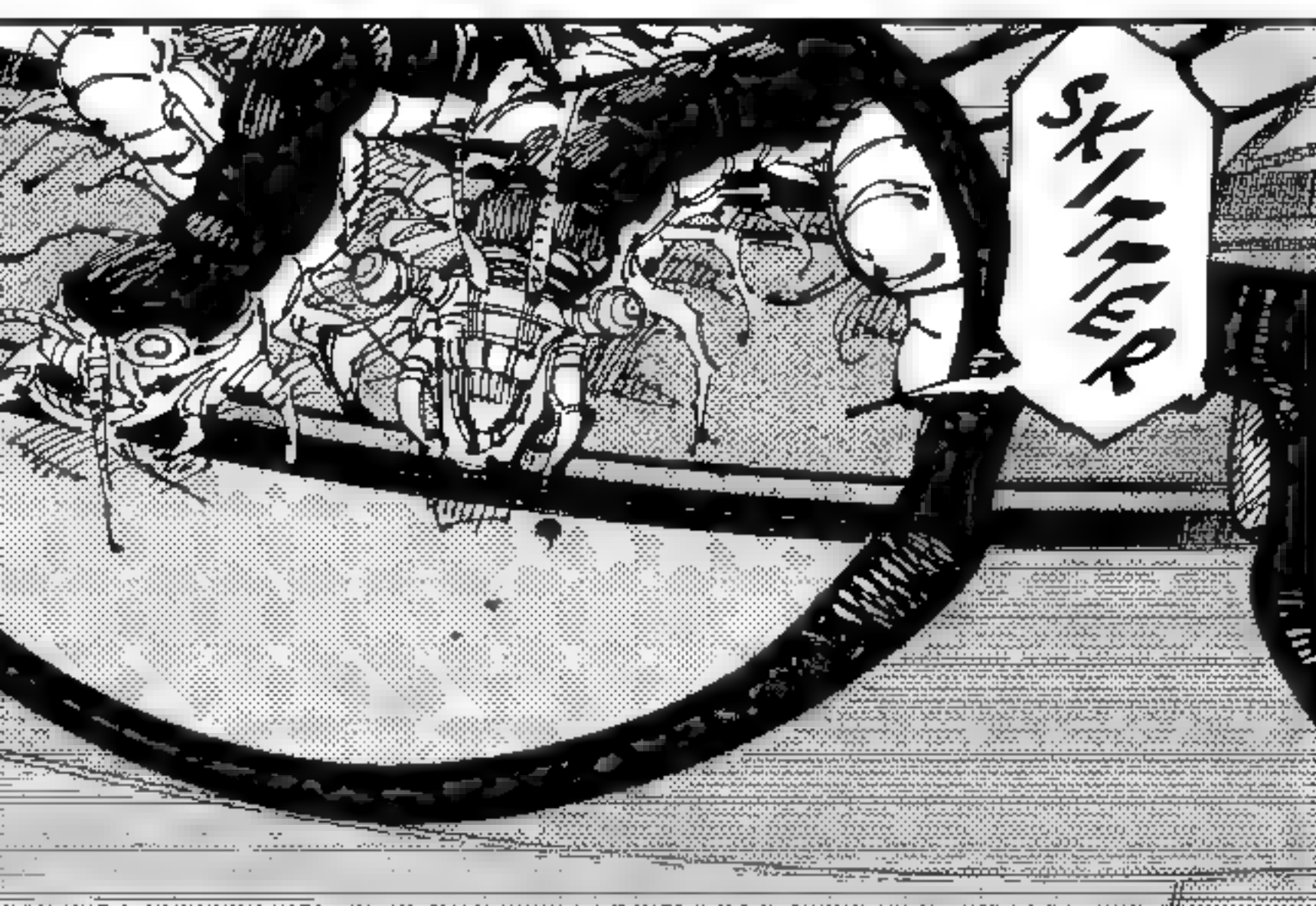
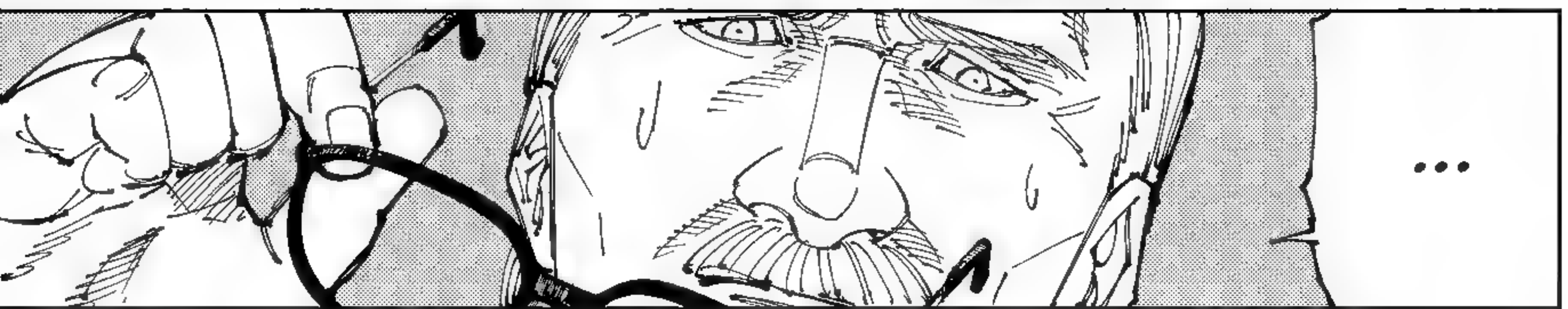
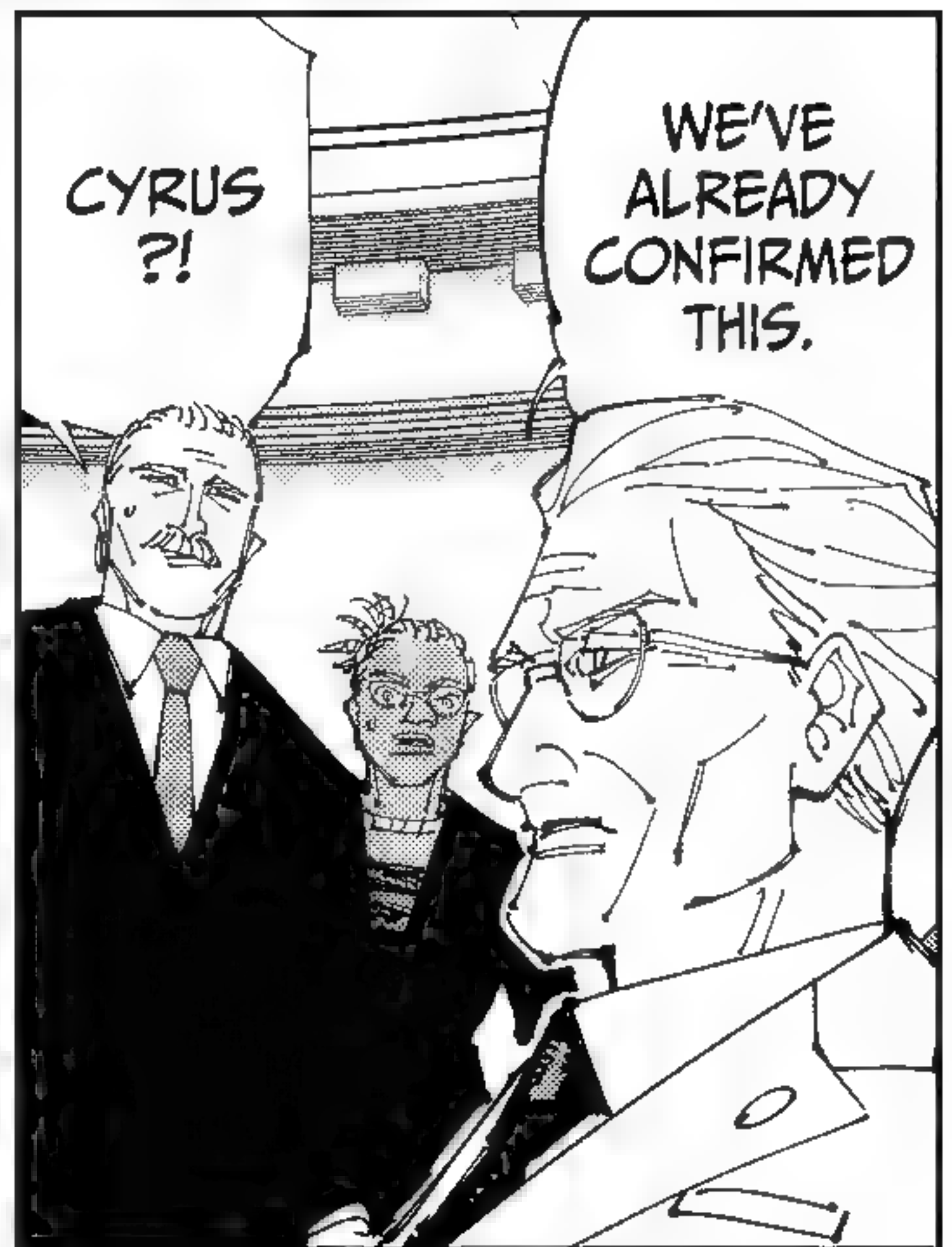
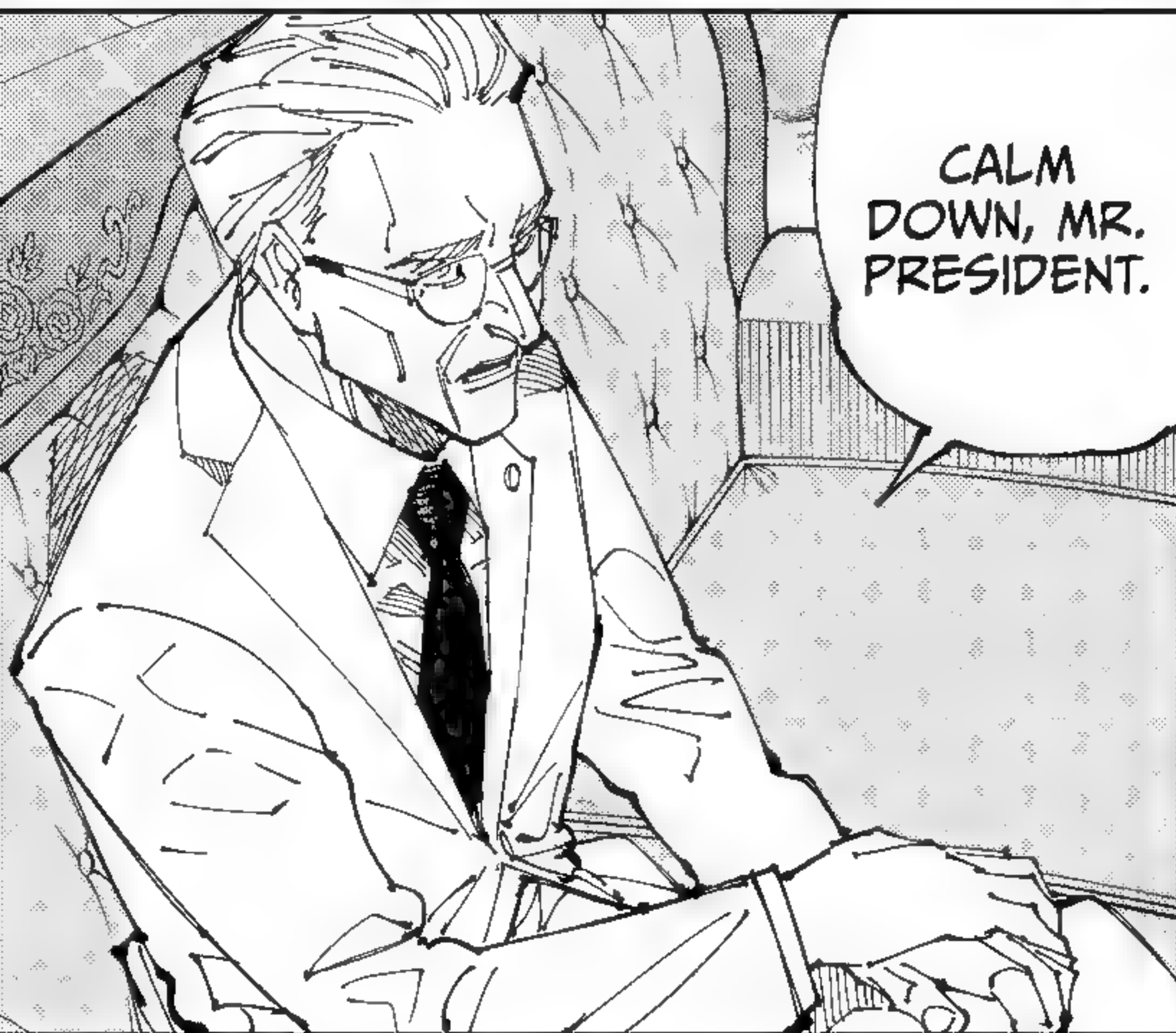
IT IS ALSO
DIFFICULT
TO SEE THE
PHENOMENA
THAT
SORCERERS
CAUSE.

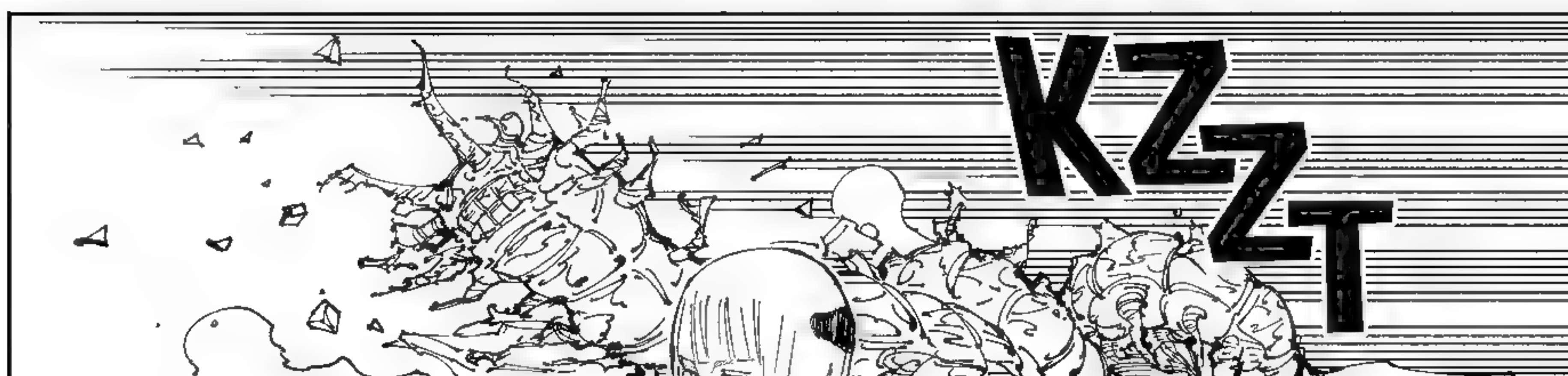
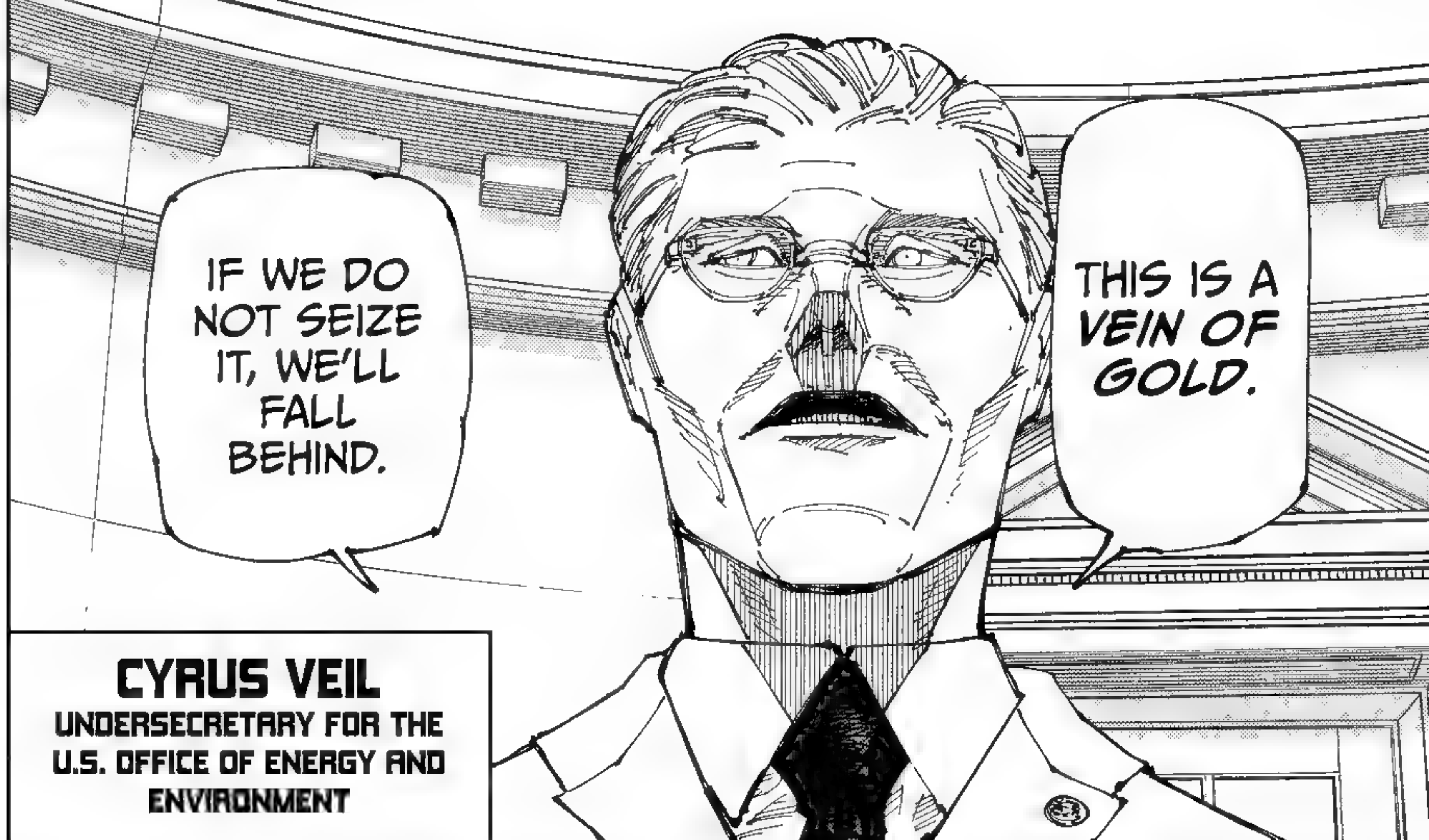
CURSED
SPIRITS
AREN'T
THE ONLY
THINGS NON-
SORCERERS
FAIL TO SEE.

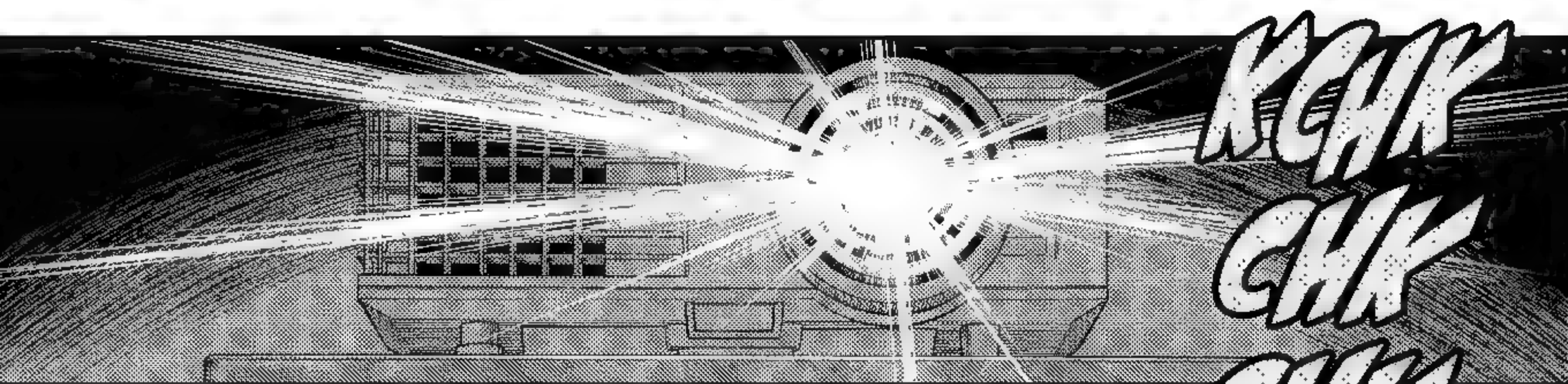
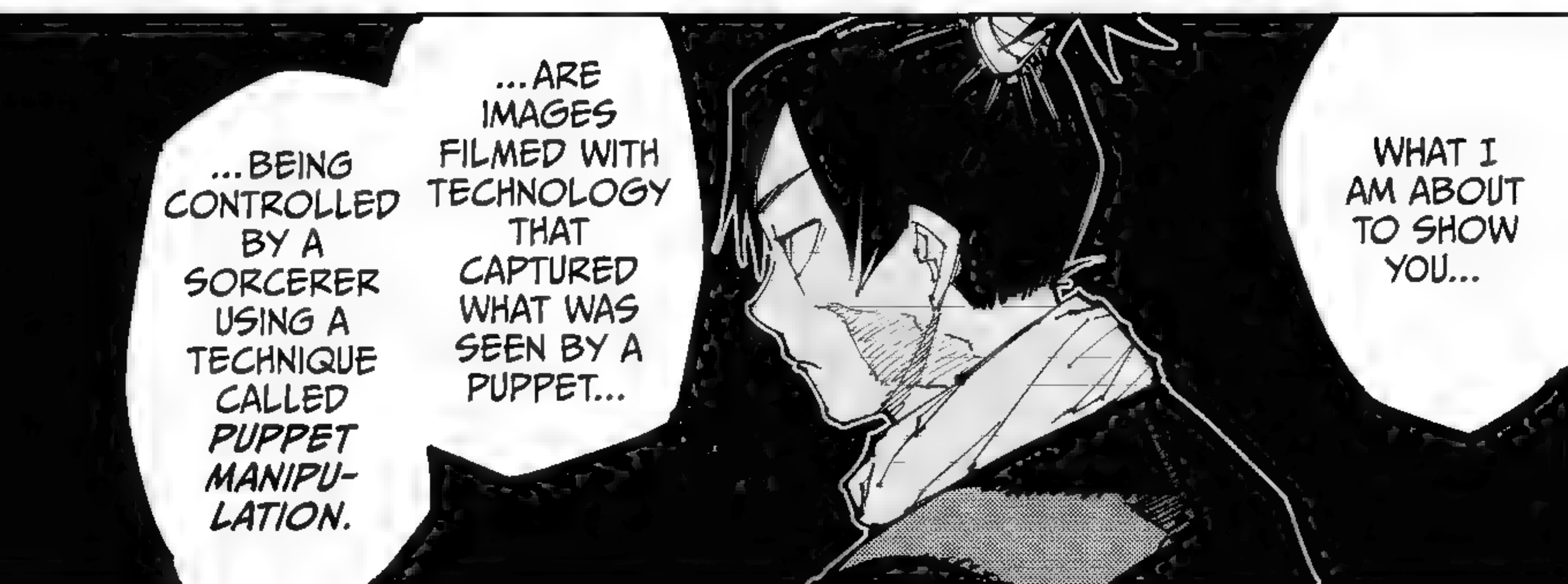
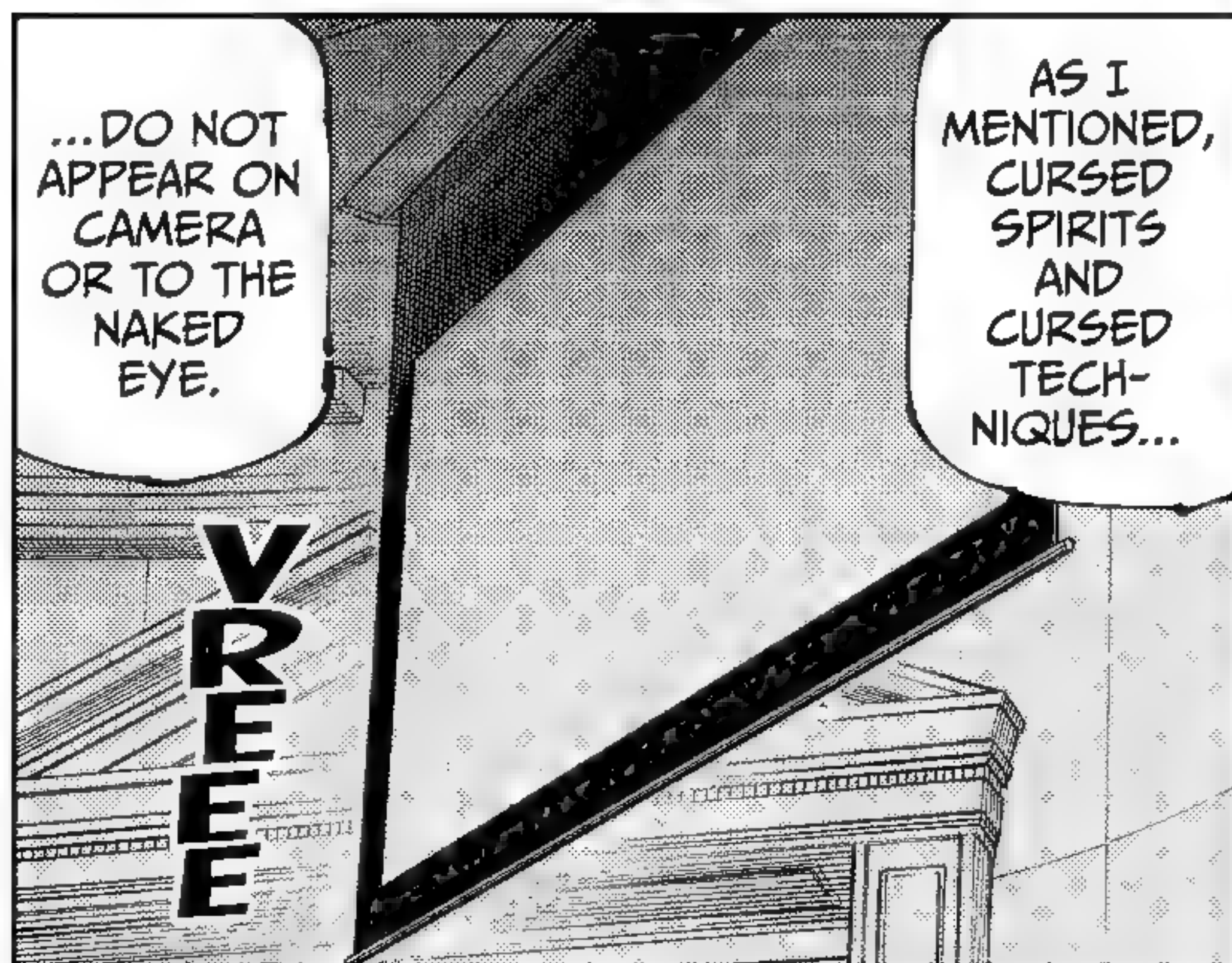


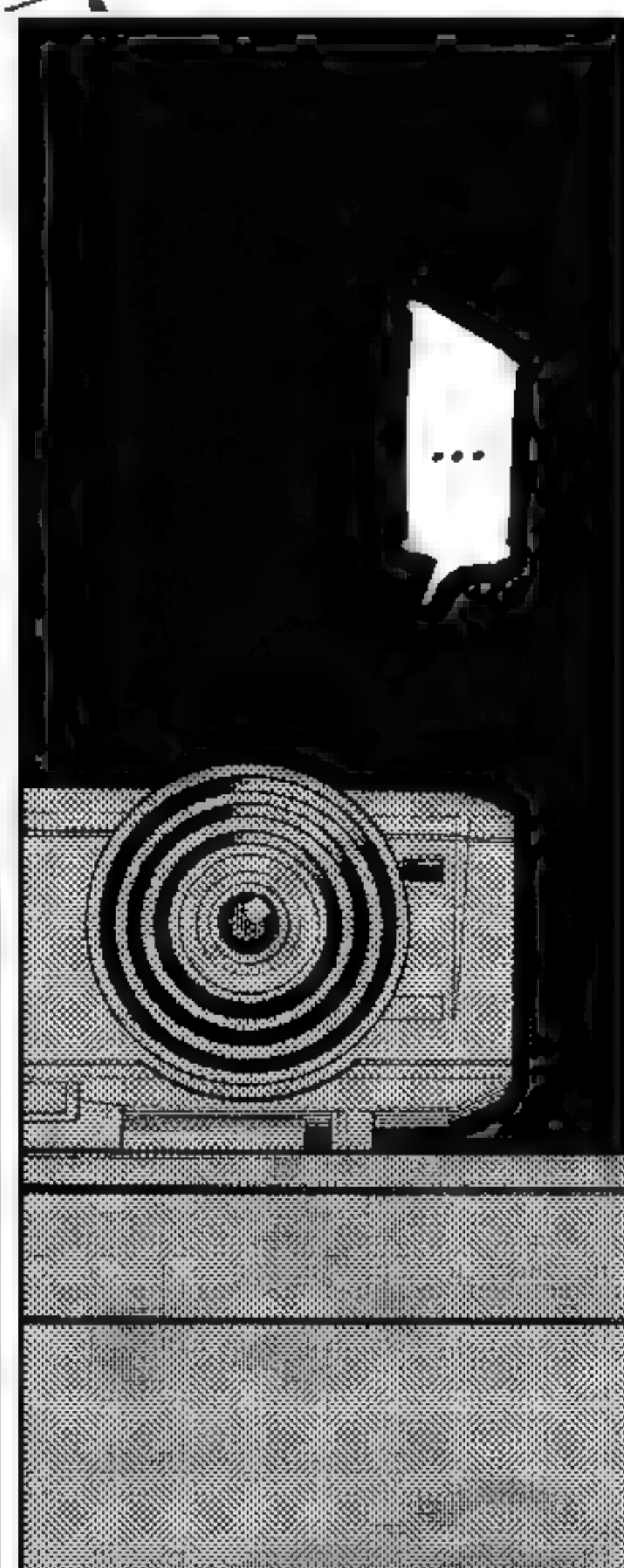
SUCH
AS?

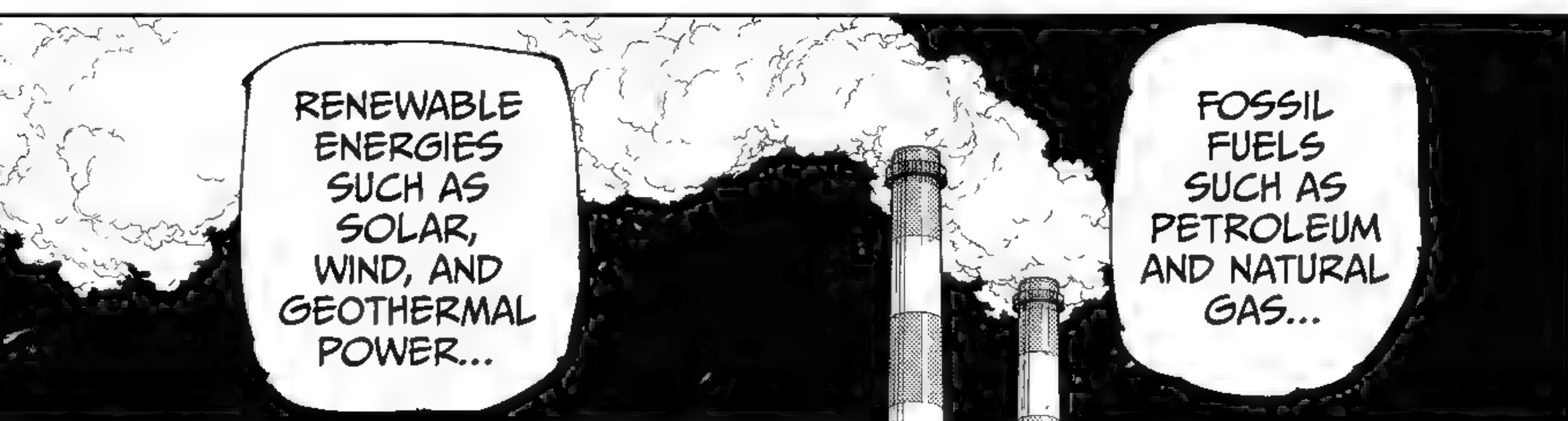
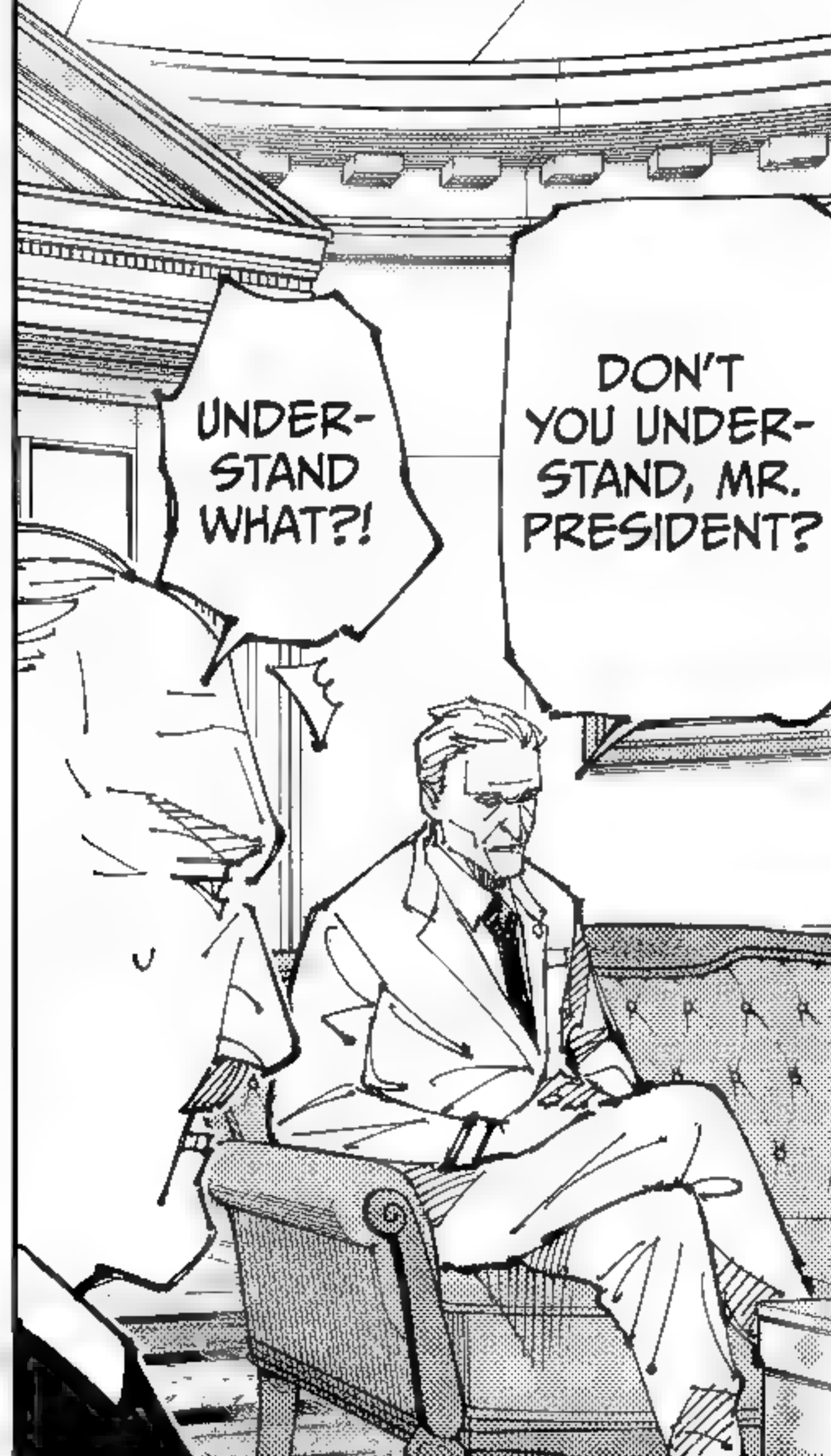
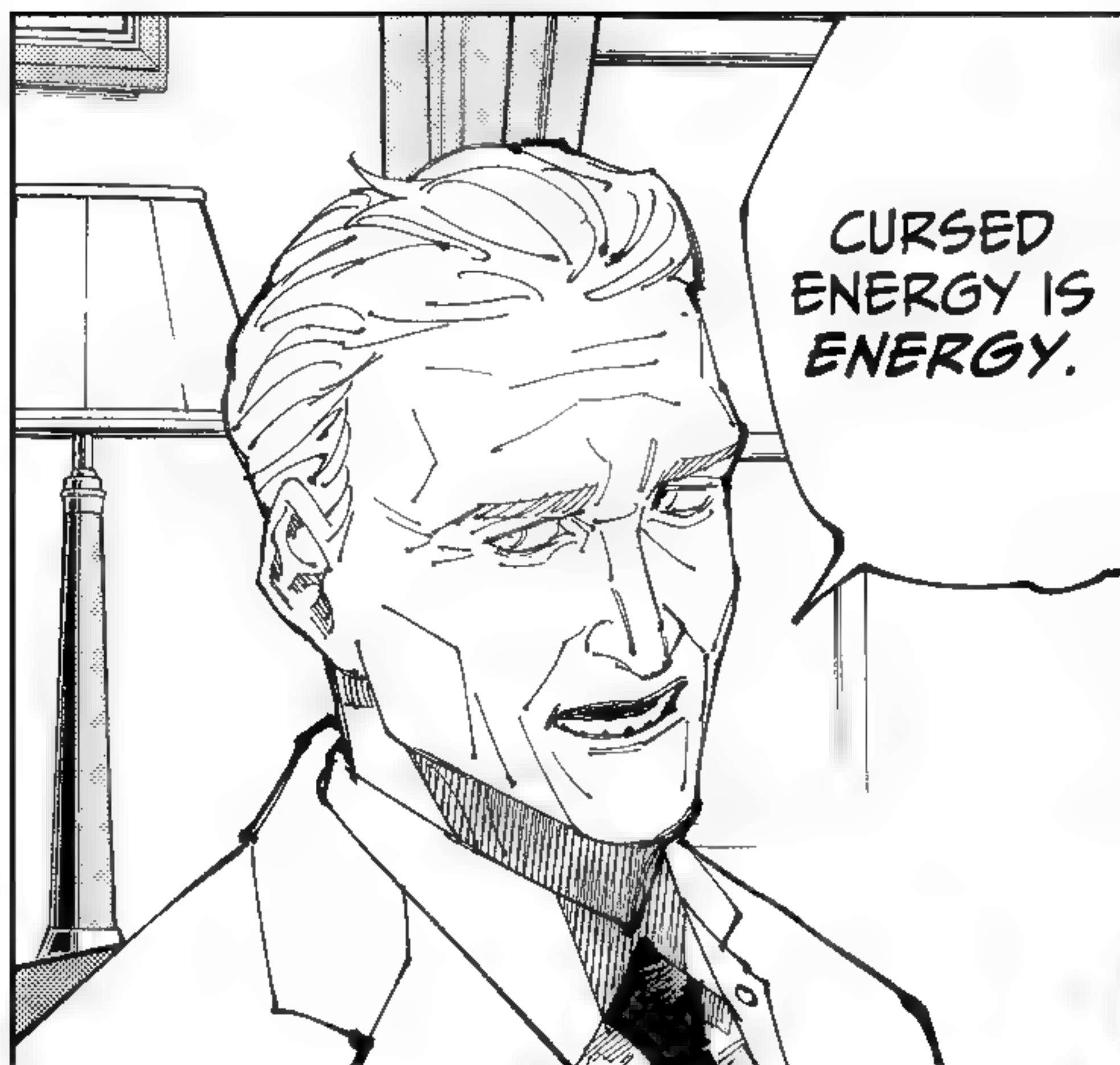


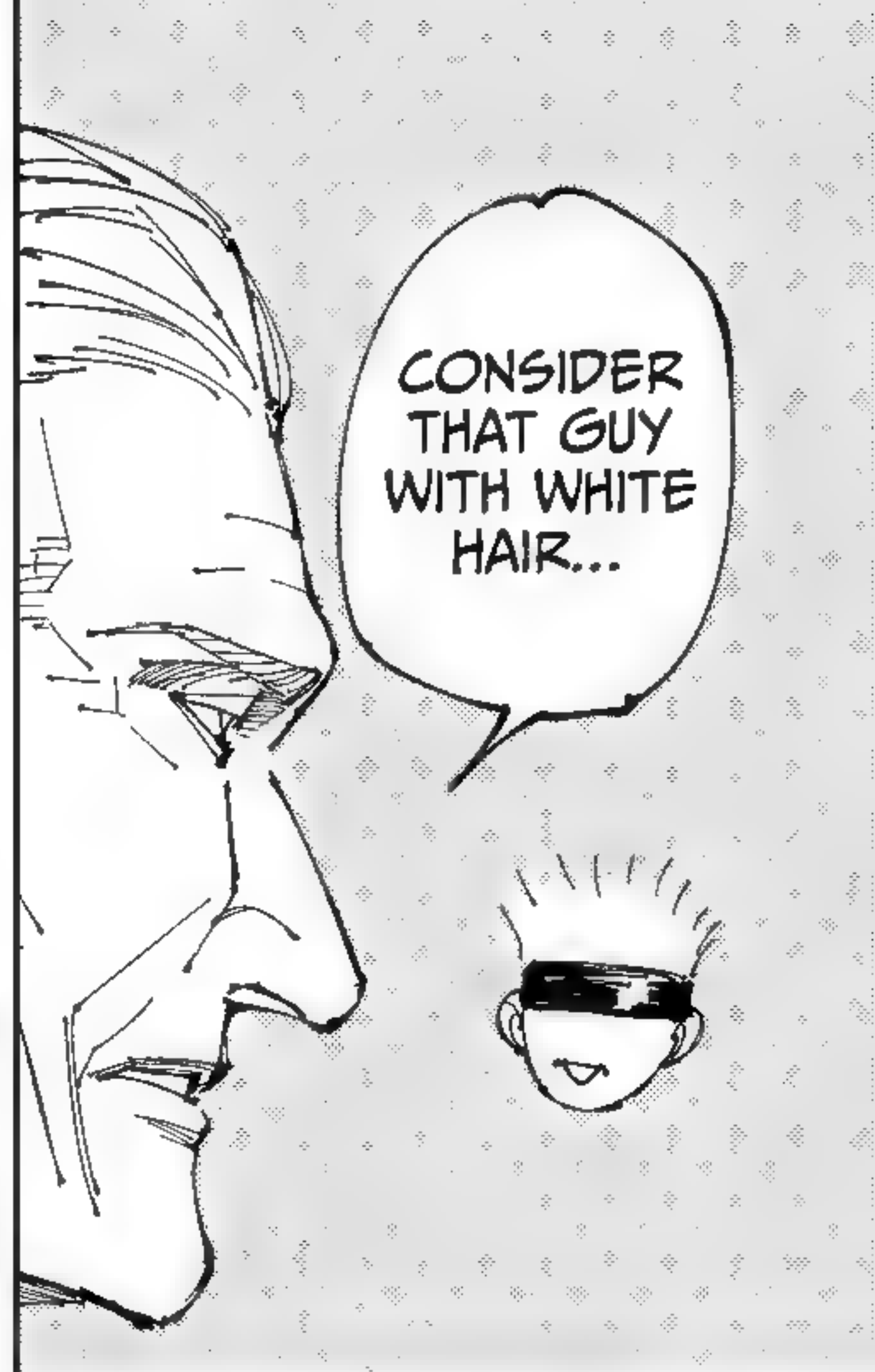
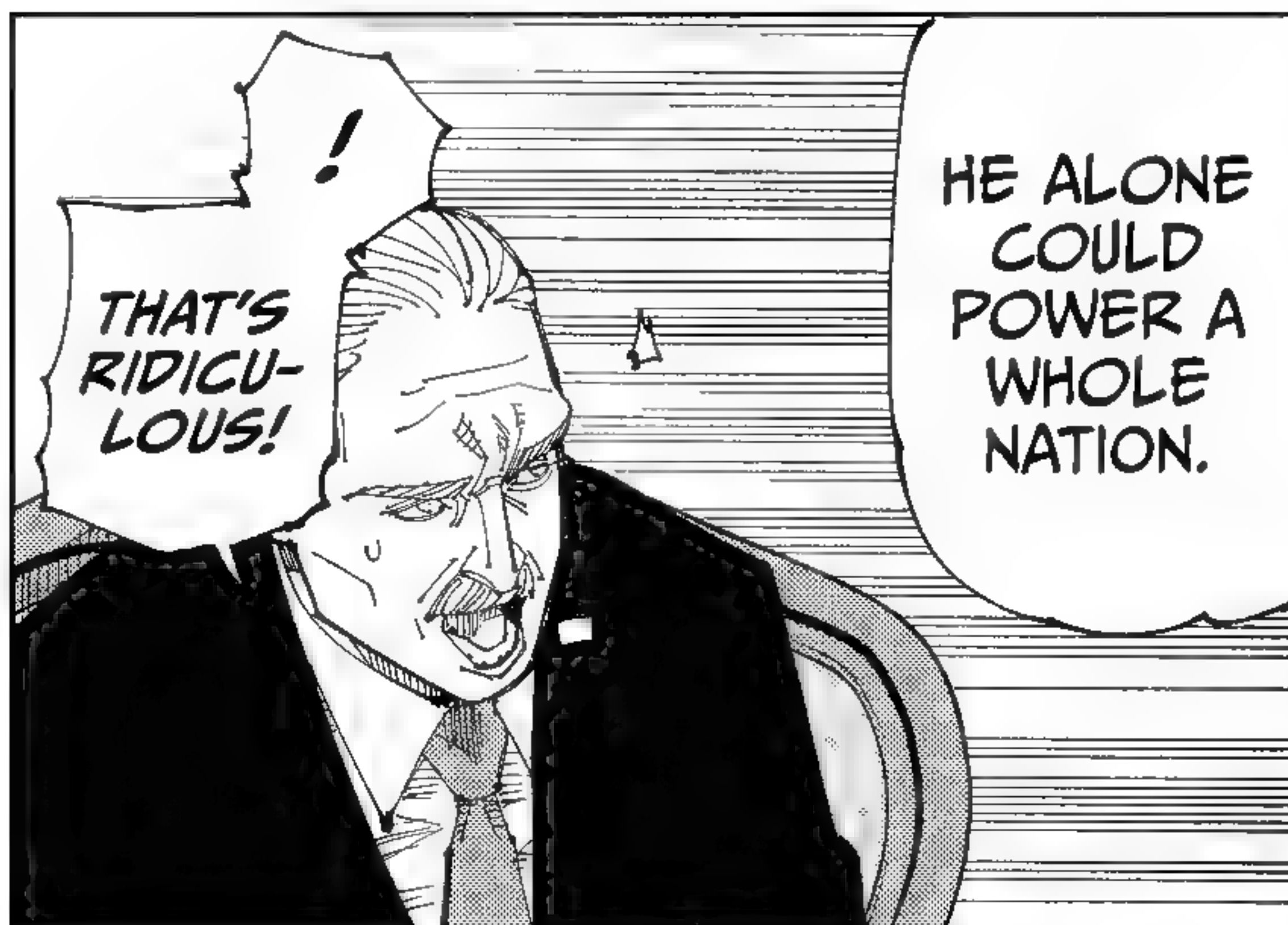















...TO USE MY
AUTHORITY
TO ABDUCT
JAPANESE
CITIZENS...

...AS
RESEARCH
SUBJECTS
?!

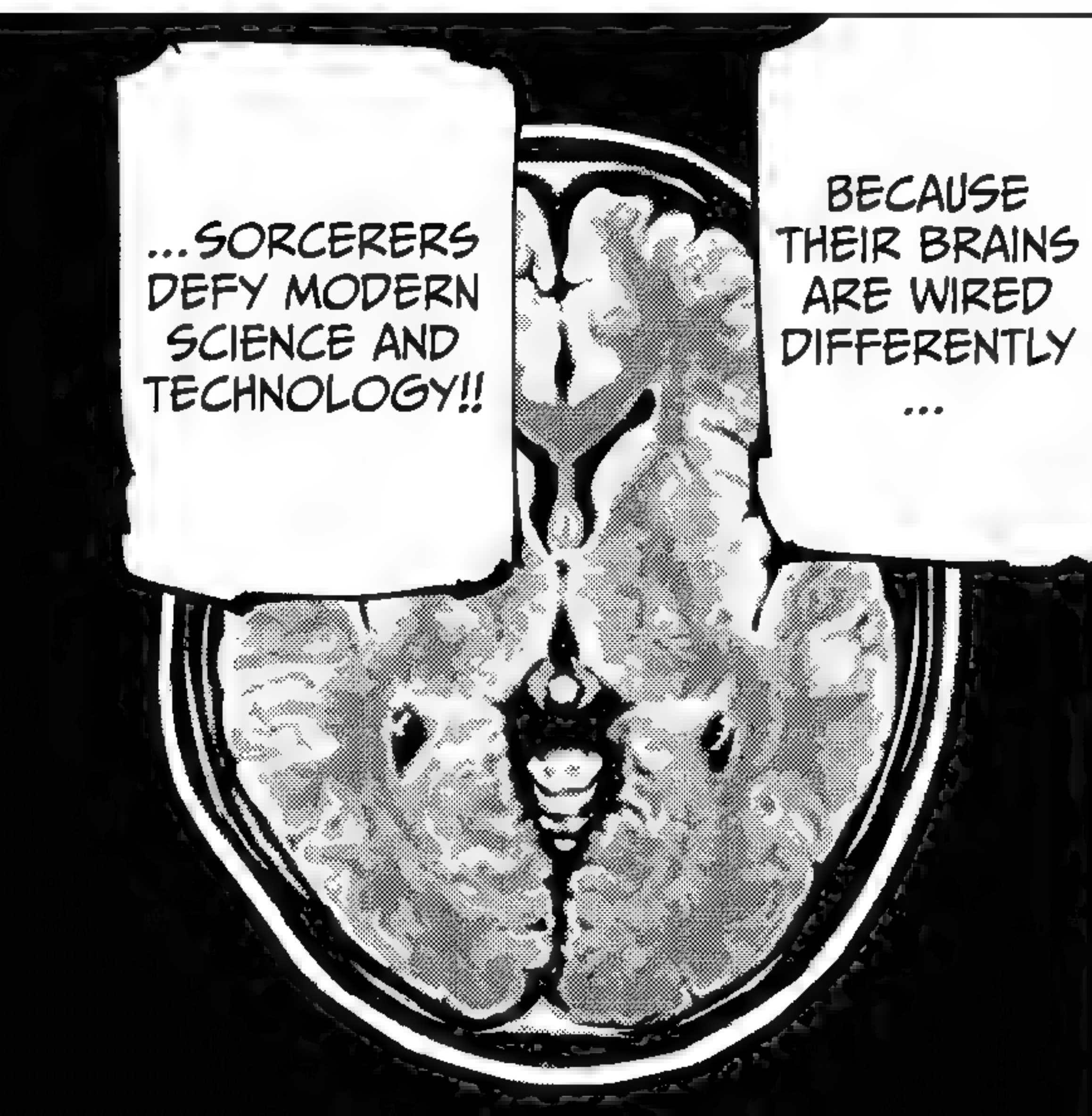


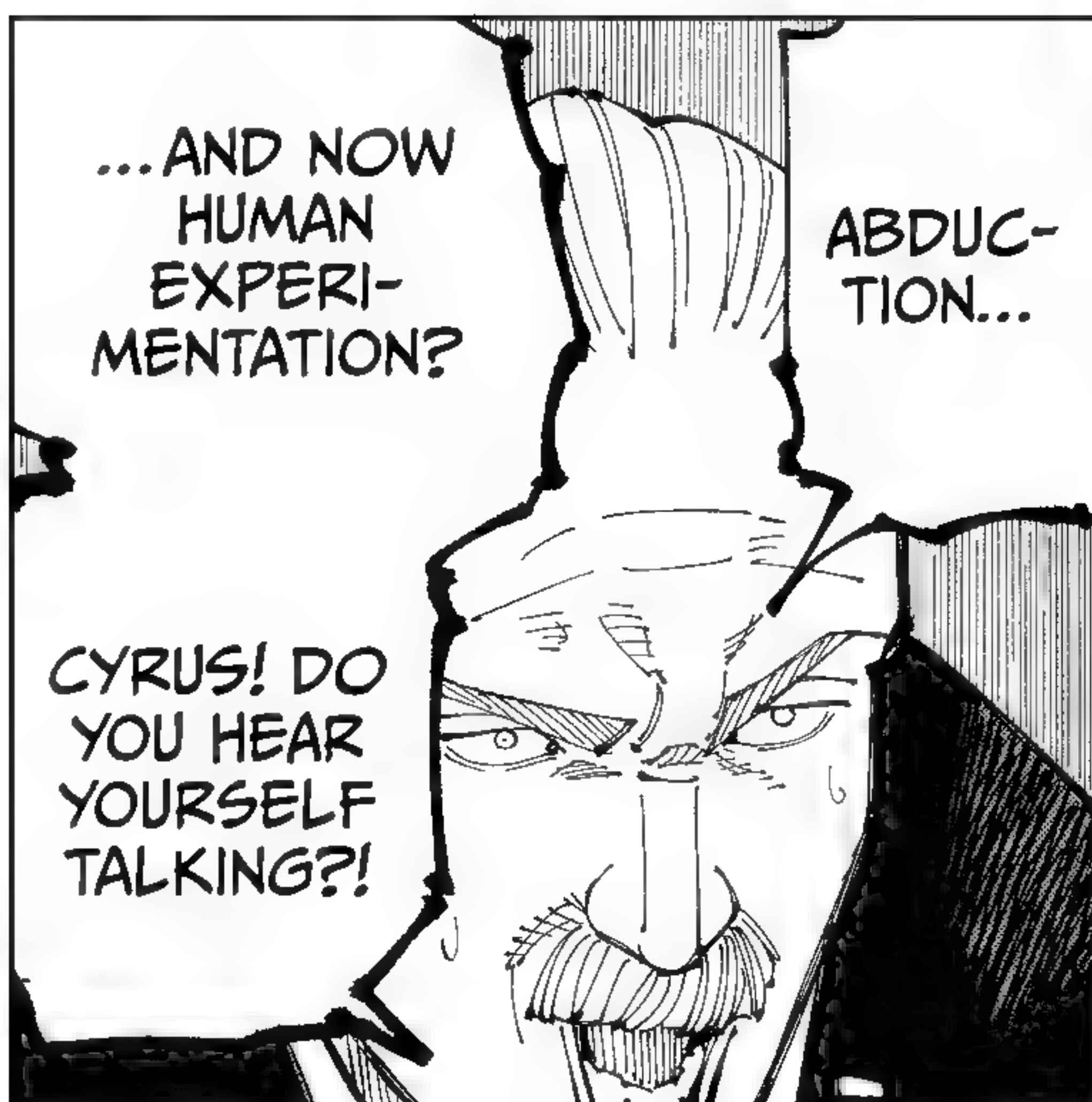
I GOT ADVISORS! (1)

Editorial helped me get Makoto Fukami and Asaura Sensei as advisors for the negotiations in this volume and the parts involving the American military in the next volume. Ever since the series started, there've been questions about the state of curses and sorcerers in other countries. This is my answer to show that I don't plan to expand the scope to a global scale, but I also feel like I should stage some kind of event showing conventional weaponry against sorcery. So I began imagining these events rather early on. (At first I had in mind something like Maki infiltrating the military to spy on the culling game.)

One big reason that I had to draw on so much help was because every time I had a meeting about these chapters, we got as excited as junior high kids at a sleepover. "They're like locusts!" "This is America!" "I understood that, you bastard!" We went on and on like we were in the movies or doing subtitles. When the conversation takes off like that, it's easy to fall under the illusion that you can actually pull it off. I clearly didn't have the necessary reserves of know-how, but as we continued discussing it, I began to feel like my reserves might not be so empty and thought, "I can do this!" But all I had was a bunch of Hollywood movie cliches from my editor and me yacking it up.

That's right. Even though I'd begun imagining these events early on, I hadn't done my research. I was so certain I could handle it! So I went running to editorial in tears when it was time to do layouts. I want to use this space to express my gratitude to editorial for putting me in touch with Fukami Sensei and Asaura Sensei. Thank you very much!





...AND NOW
HUMAN
EXPERI-
MENTATION?

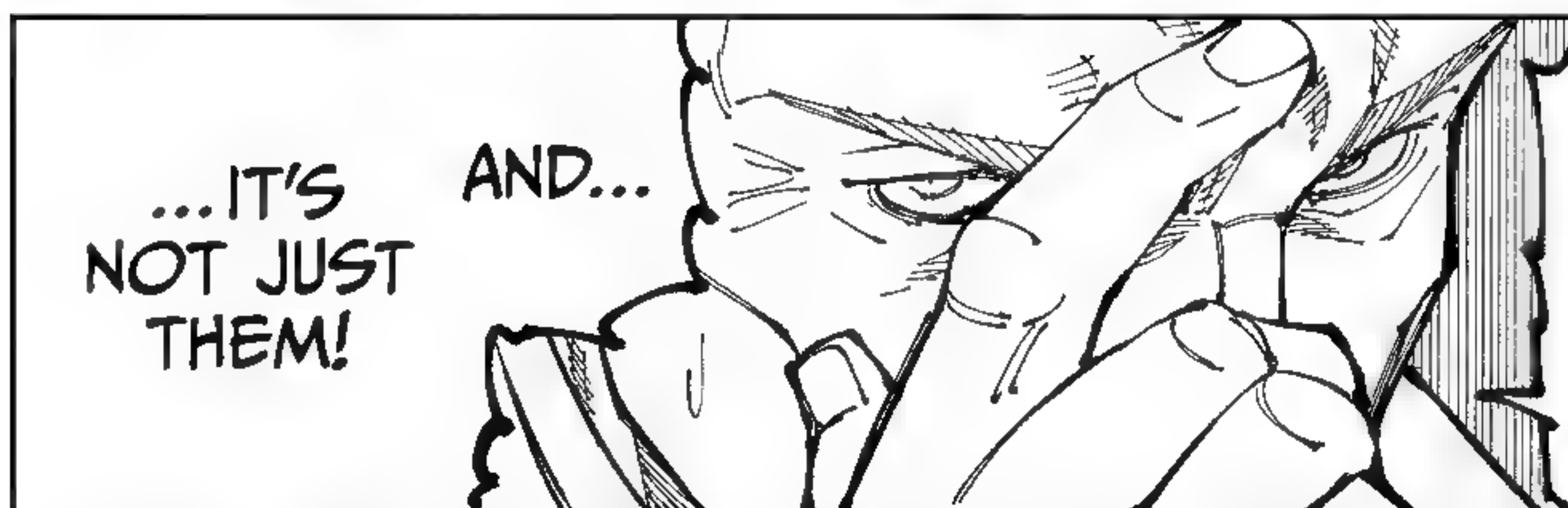
ABDUC-
TION...

CYRUS! DO
YOU HEAR
YOURSELF
TALKING?!



?!

THAT MEANS
WE NEED
RESEARCH
SAMPLES!



...IT'S
NOT JUST
THEM!

AND...

WE CAN'T
LET CHINA
AND RUSSIA
GET AHEAD IN
ALTERNATIVE
ENERGY!!




AND THAT'S
NOT TO
MENTION
NATIONS WITH
STRONG
MILITARIES
LIKE INDIA,
FRANCE,
KOREA, AND
TURKEY!

GERMANY'S
ABANDONING
NUCLEAR
POWER!


...HAVE
CONVEN-
TIONAL
ENERGY
INTERESTS!

SAUDI
ARABIA
AND THE
MIDDLE
EAST...



WHICH
WOULD
THEN LEAD
TO A CHAIN
REACTION!

IF INDIA
MAKES
A MOVE,
PAKISTAN
WILL
RESPOND!



WHEN ONE
MAKES
A MOVE,
OTHERS WILL
LEAP TO
CATCH UP.

THERE'S
NO END TO
THE LIST OF
NATIONS
THAT WILL
ACT.



...AND
THEY WON'T
STOP AT
SORCERERS
!!

THEY'LL
TARGET
JAPANESE
PEOPLE...



...WE CAN
PROTECT
JAPAN'S
SORCERERS
BEFORE
ANYONE ELSE
INTERFERES!

IF WE
LOCK
DOWN
THIS
INFO...

THIS ISN'T
ABDUCTION!
IT'S PRO-
TECTION!

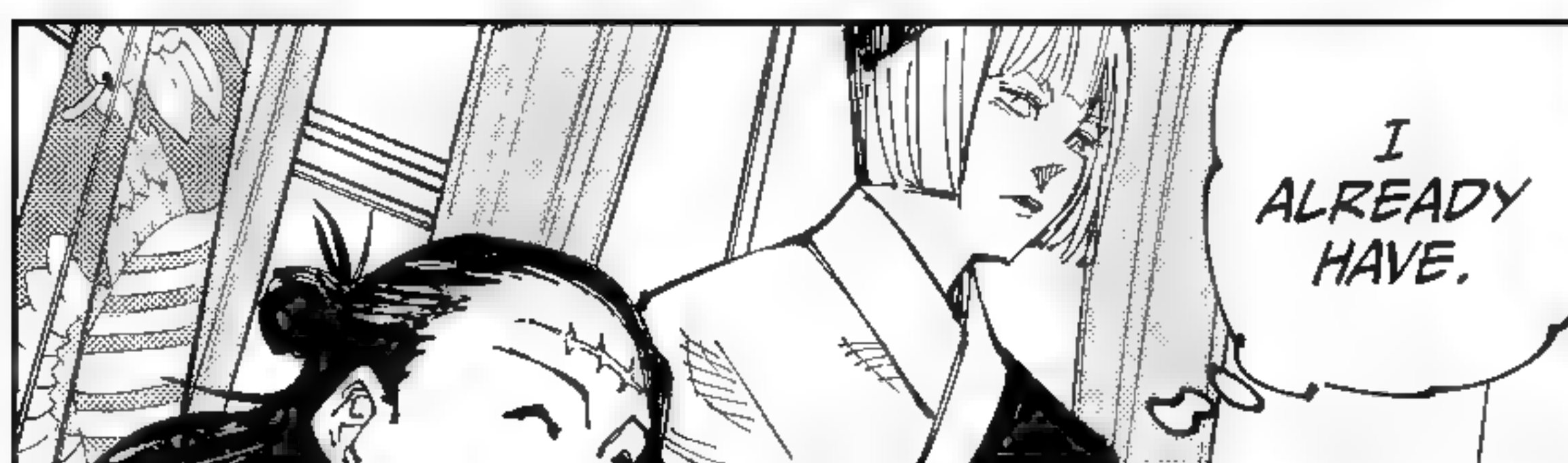


...BUT HE
COULD GO
ELSEWHERE
IF WE
REFUSE.

THESE TALKS
ARE BEING
CONDUCTED
IN SECRECY...



WELL PUT.
IT'S ONLY
HUMANE.



I
ALREADY
HAVE.



IN NOVEMBER,
THEY'LL ALL BE
CONGREGATED
IN SPECIFIC
AREAS...

...WHICH
PRESENTS
A UNIQUE
OPPORTUNITY.

SORCERERS
ARE A
MINORITY.

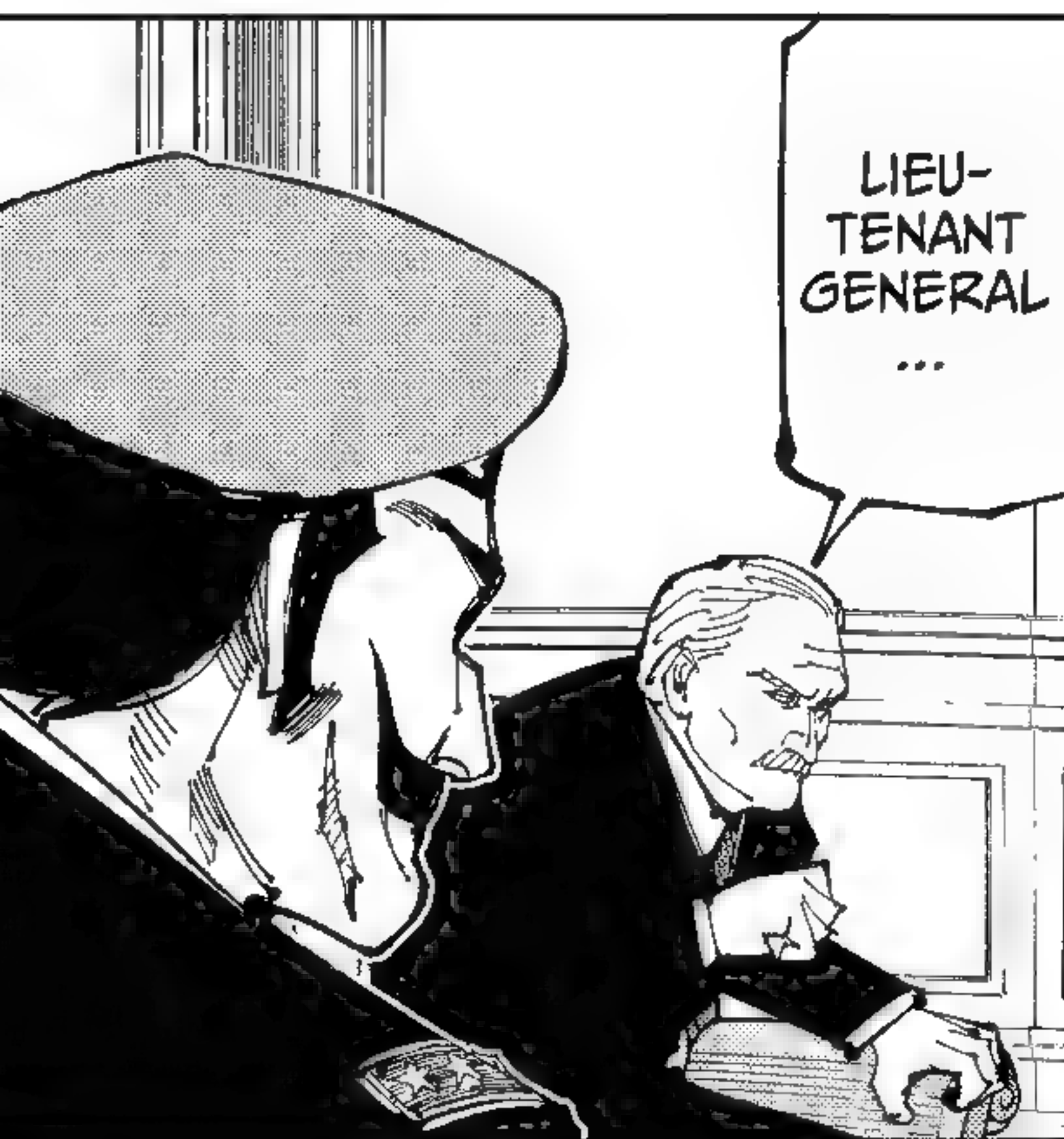


THERE ARE
CITIZENS OF
JAPANESE
DESCENT IN
THE U.S.

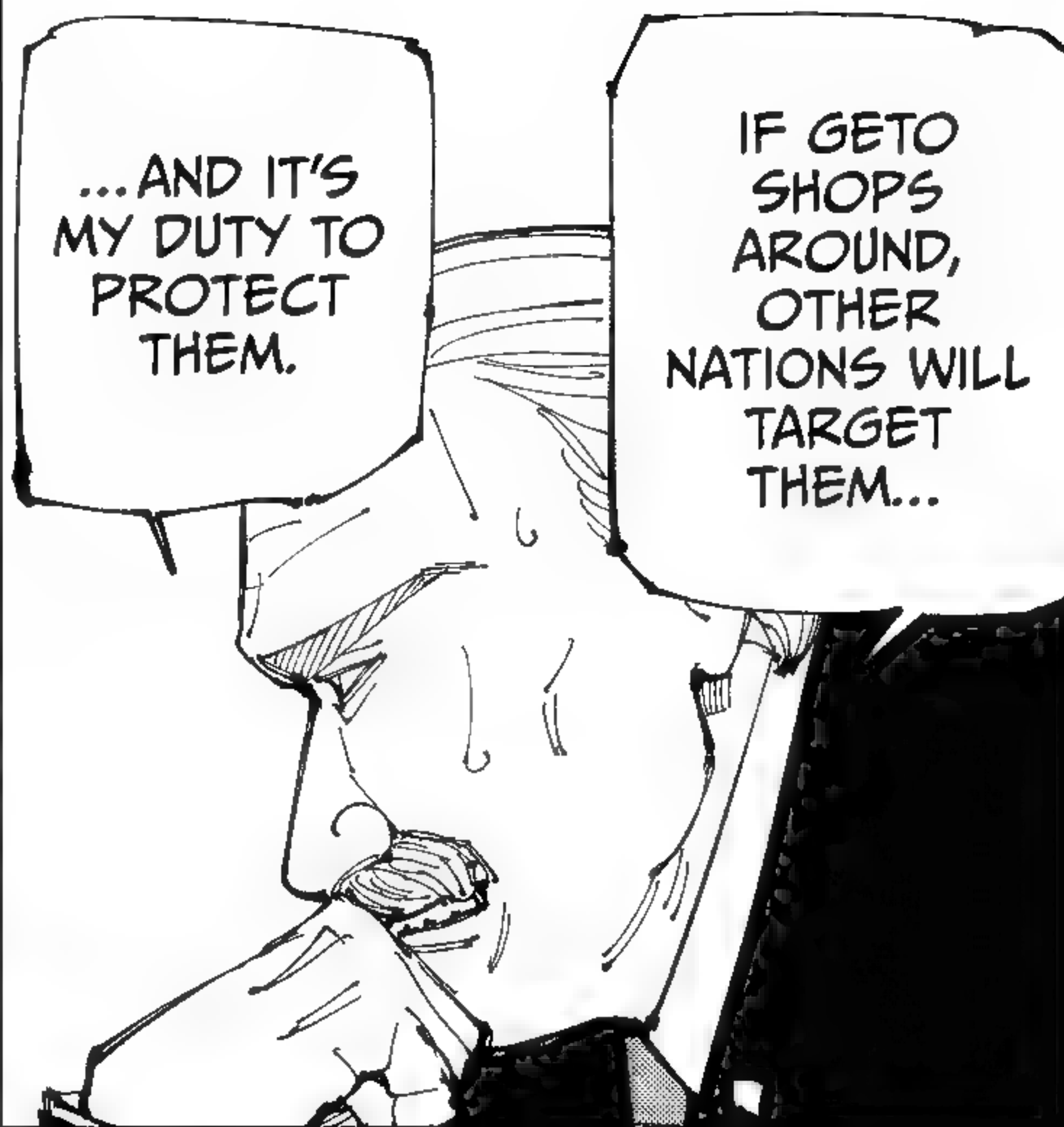
MR.
PRESI-
DENT?!



INCREASE
SECURITY
IN ALL
JAPANESE
NEIGHBOR-
HOODS.



LIEU-
TENANT
GENERAL
...



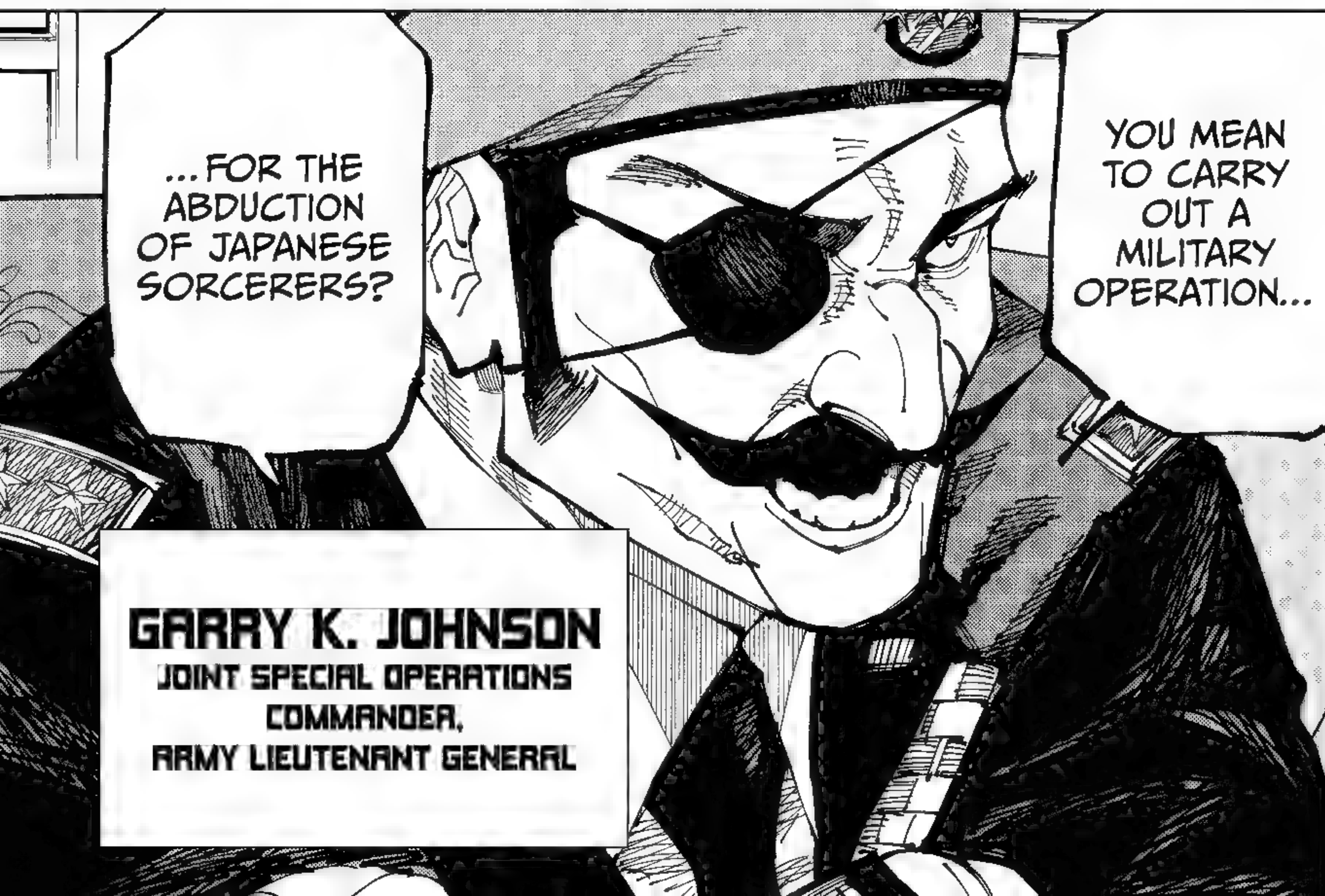
...AND IT'S
MY DUTY TO
PROTECT
THEM.

IF GETO
SHOPS
AROUND,
OTHER
NATIONS WILL
TARGET
THEM...



...WHAT
SCALE OF
MOBILIZATION
ARE WE
TALKING
ABOUT?

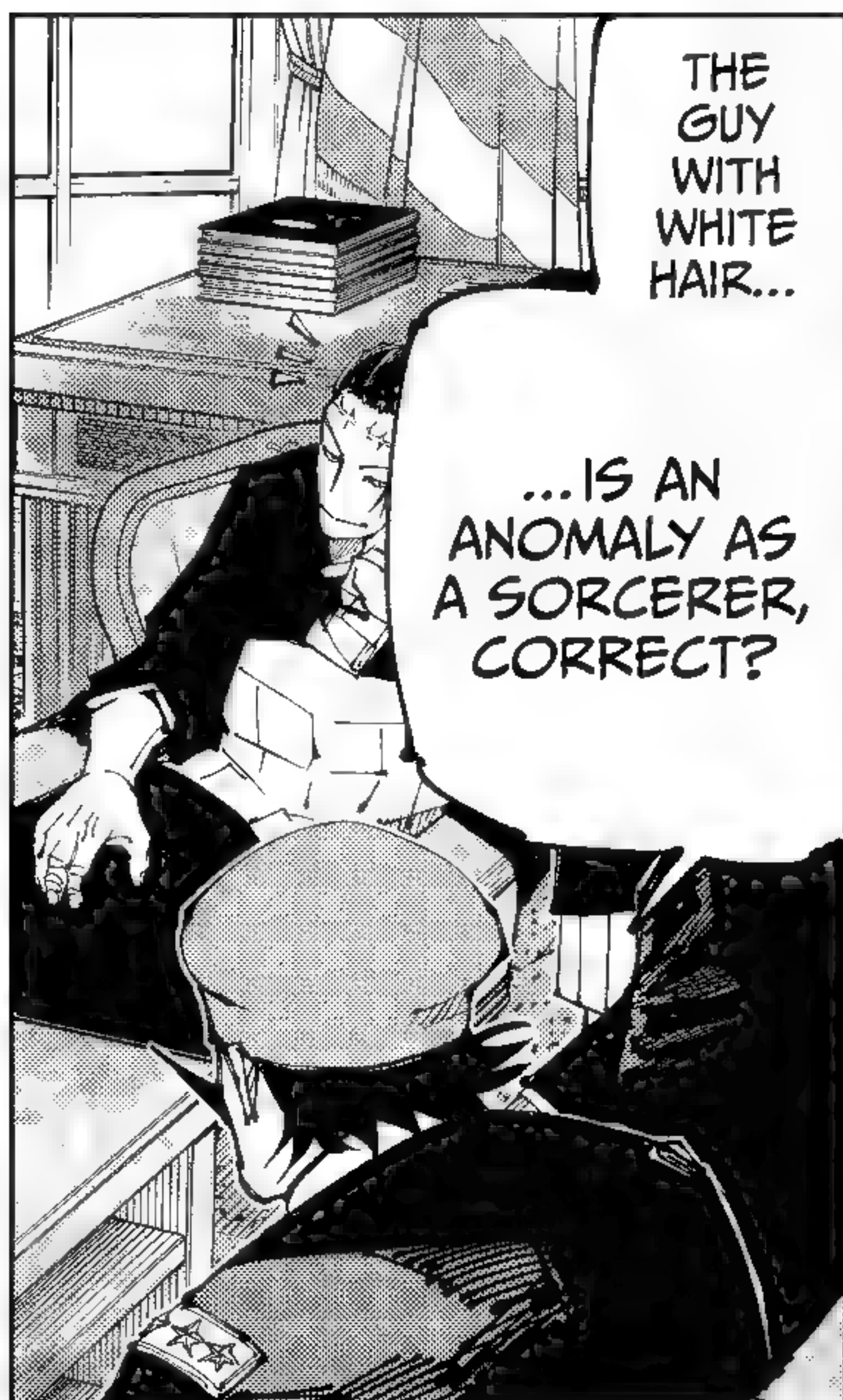
TO PULL
THIS OFF...

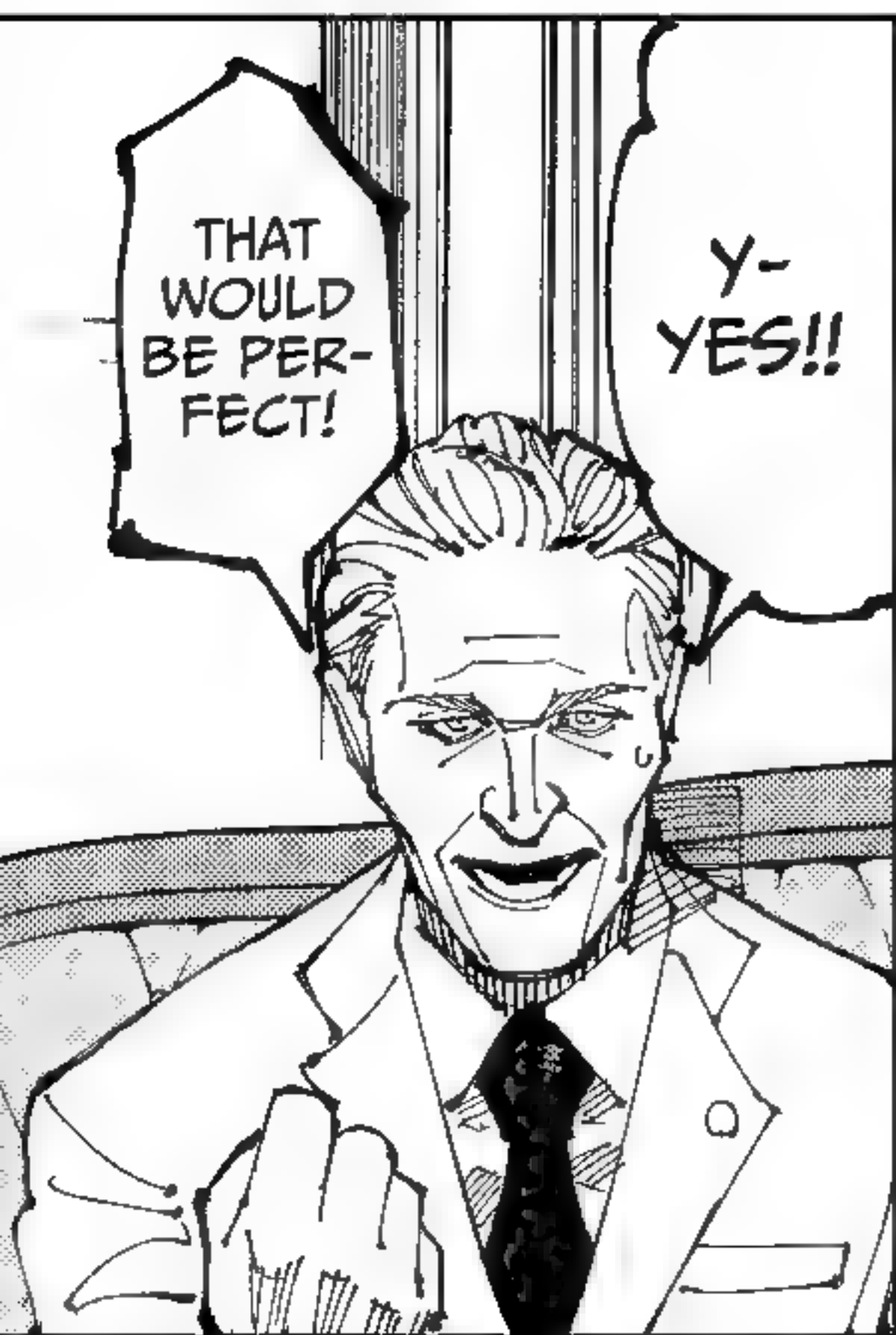


...FOR THE
ABDUCTION
OF JAPANESE
SORCERERS?

YOU MEAN
TO CARRY
OUT A
MILITARY
OPERATION...

GARRY K. JOHNSON
JOINT SPECIAL OPERATIONS
COMMANDER,
ARMY LIEUTENANT GENERAL





THAT
WOULD
BE PER-
FECT!

Y-
YES!!



...WILL
FIVE
DOZEN
SORCER-
ERS DO?

CYRUS
...

WE'LL RUN
OPERATIONS
OUT OF
YOKOTA
AIR BASE.



THEY WILL
BE NO
MATCH FOR
FOR US.

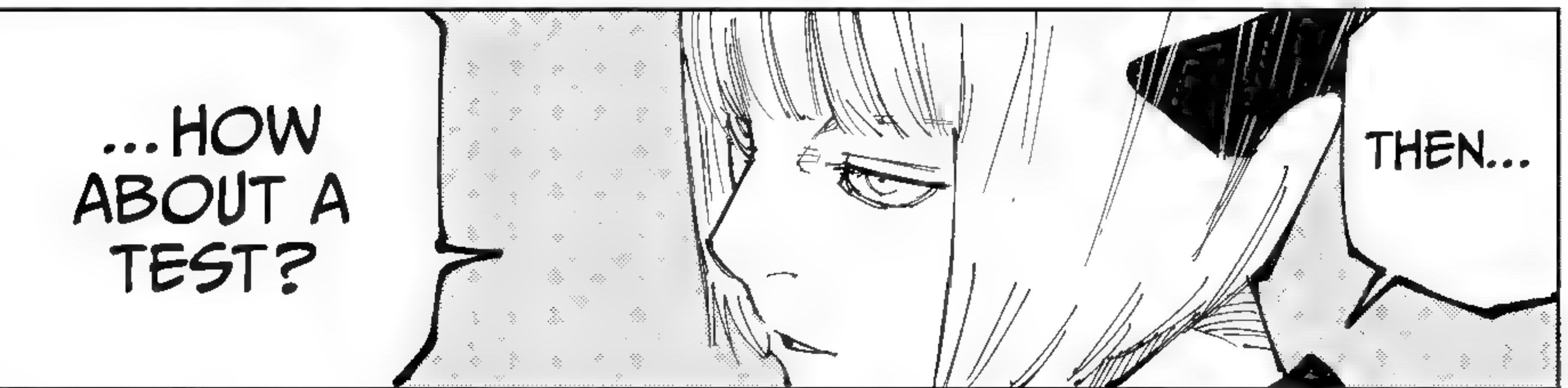
...ARE
GREEN-
HORNS,
UNTRAINED.

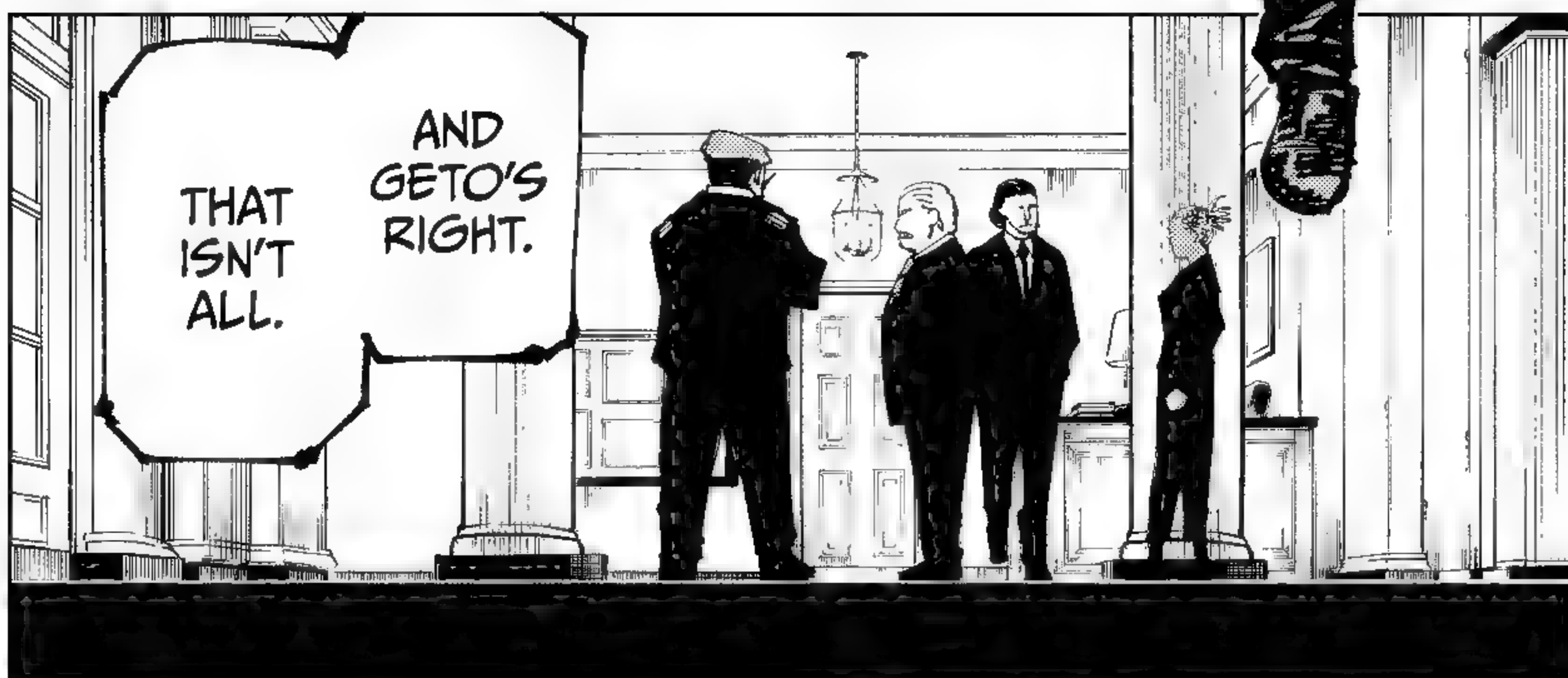
THESE
PSY-
CHICS
OR
WHAT-
EVER...




《MUSCLES AND
BULLETS.》









...A
PARAMILI-
TARY
DIVISION
OF THE
CIA.

THERE
ARE
ALSO
MEN
FROM
S.A.C....

DIRECTOR
OF
NATIONAL
INTELLI-
GENCE

I
WANTED
TO
EXPLAIN
THAT.

EACH MEMBER
HAS AT LEAST
EIGHT YEARS
OF MILITARY
EXPERIENCE,
INCLUDING
SPECIAL OPS.

IT'S THE
FINEST
OF
COVERT
UNITS.

THROW IN
THE SECRET
SERVICE AND
WE'VE GOT 45
HEAVIES TO
SLAP DOWN
SUGURU
GETO.

EACH
S.A.C. TEAM
COMPRISES
TEN MEN.

WEST WING

**BESIDES,
HE'S IN THE
PRESIDENT'S
OFFICE IN
THE WEST
WING!**

**HE'D NEVER
MAKE IT TO
THE OFFICE
HERE IN THE
EAST WING!!**

EAST WING



...TO
DISPLAY
THE MIGHT
OF JUJUTSU.

MY
CURSED
TECHNIQUE
WILL BE
ENOUGH...

NO
THANKS.

WANT
ANY
HELP
?

I'M
BORED.





**THAT'S
AMERICA!**







THUD

THUD

THUD

THUD

OOF!

AH!

AUGH!

GUH!

GAH!





NOW...

...LET'S
TALK...

...HUNTING
SORCER-
ERS.



I GOT ADVISORS! (2)

When it came to the graphic novel, we decided to change the negotiations from February to September.

For the most part, the advisory process went like this:

① Rough outline of story, Akutami asks questions.



② Fukami and Asaura provide answers and other comments.



③ More detailed layouts (filling in military ranks, names of firearms, etc.), Akutami asks questions.




④ Fukami and Asaura provide answers and other comments.



⑤ Instructions to assistants based on the final layouts, work on manuscript.

The reason for the change in time was that I thought around steps ② to ③ that it'd be good for the American military to have time to prepare, saying, "Anytime between volume 0 and the incident will be all right, so roughly February should be fine!" But the goodwill event was around September or October, and I'd messed up by including a line about Mechamaru leaving behind images. No matter how able the advisors, these things are bound to happen when I'm involved, so I offer my sincerest apologies.

CHAPTER 202:
BLOOD AND OIL,
PART 1

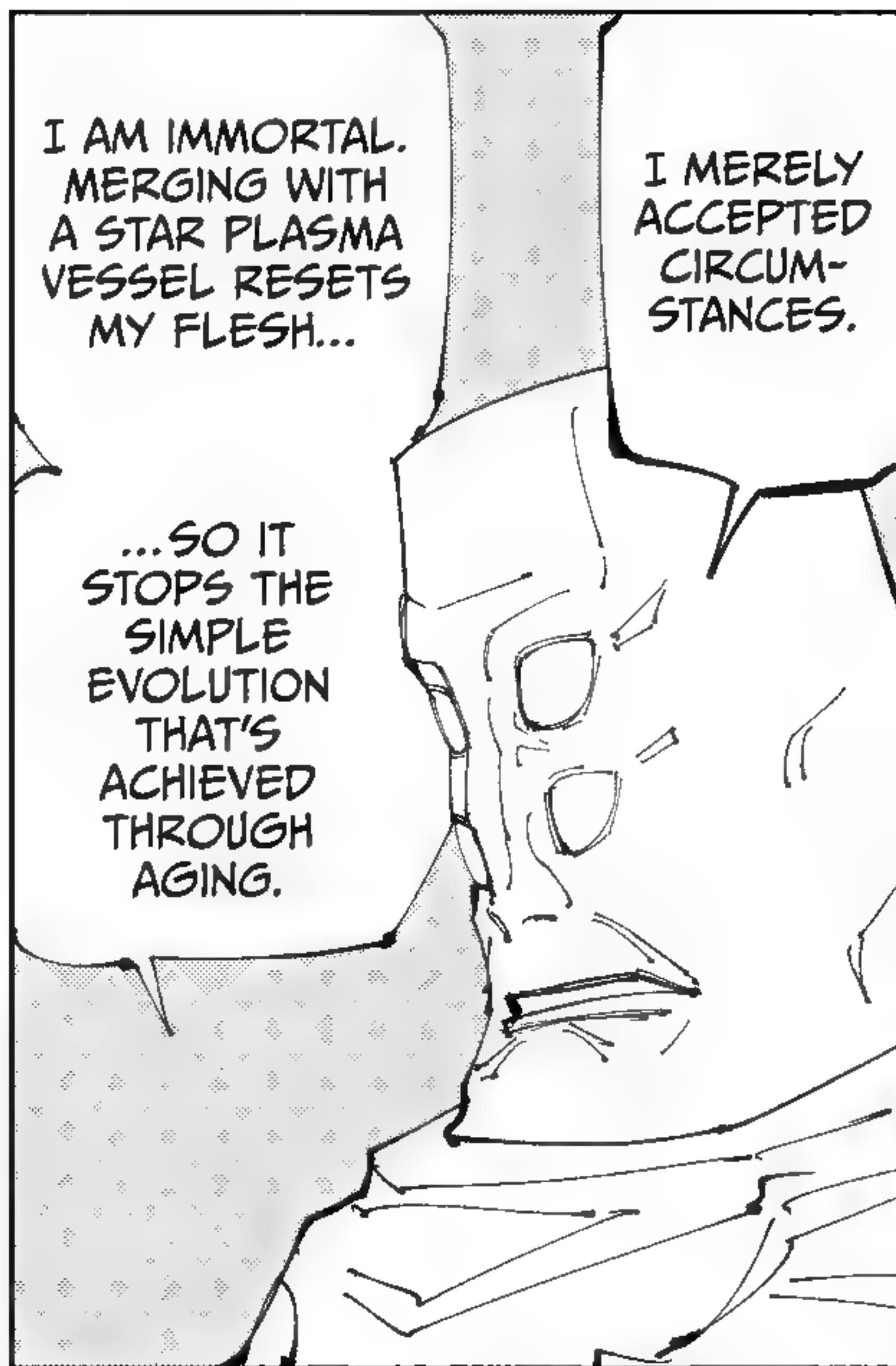


WERE THERE
NO STAR
PLASMA
VESSELS 12
YEARS AGO
ASIDE FROM
RIKO AMANAI?

NOT
INCLUDING
ME, OF
COURSE.

NONE
WITH HER
POTENTIAL.

SO THERE
WERE
OTHERS.



I AM IMMORTAL.
MERGING WITH
A STAR PLASMA
VESSEL RESETS
MY FLESH...

I MERELY
ACCEPTED
CIRCUM-
STANCES.

...SO IT
STOPS THE
SIMPLE
EVOLUTION
THAT'S
ACHIEVED
THROUGH
AGING.



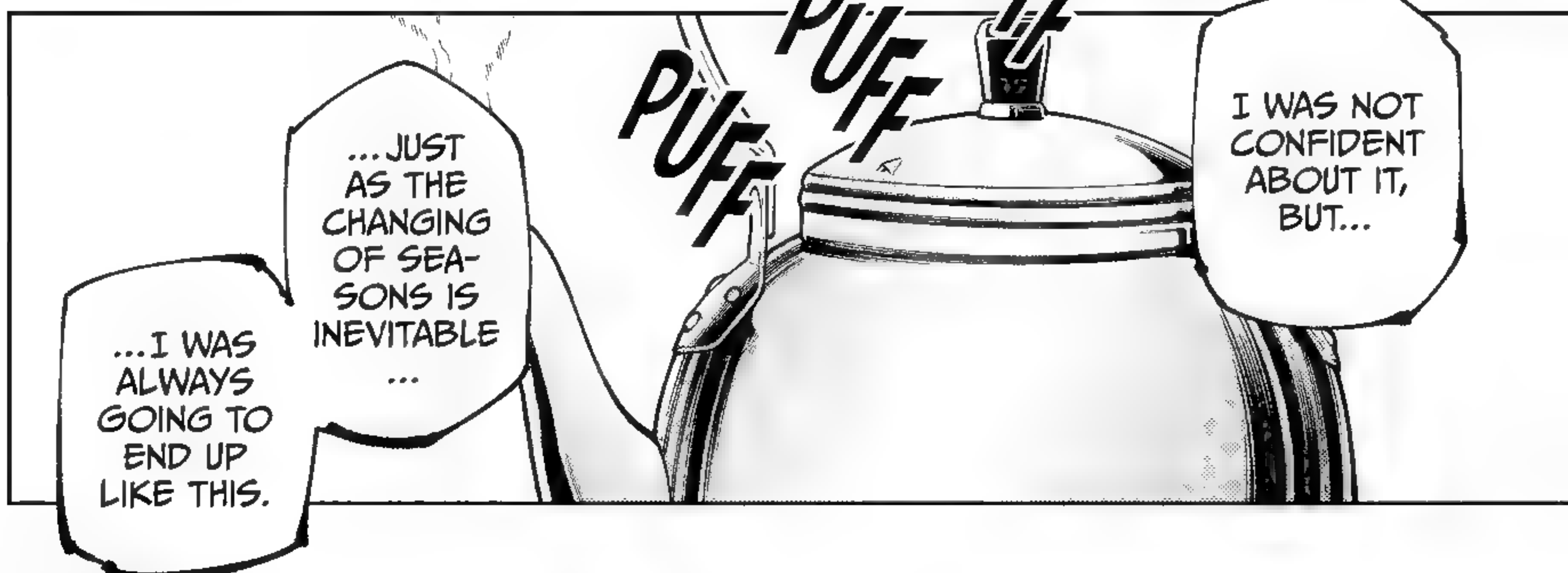
THEN WHY
TAKE THE RISK
OF NOT
MERGING?



BUT, EVEN
WITHOUT
MERGING, IF I
EVOLVE AND
EXTEND MY
WILL OUTSIDE
MY BODY...

...I CAN USE
A BARRIER
TECHNIQUE TO
PRESERVE MY
SANITY.

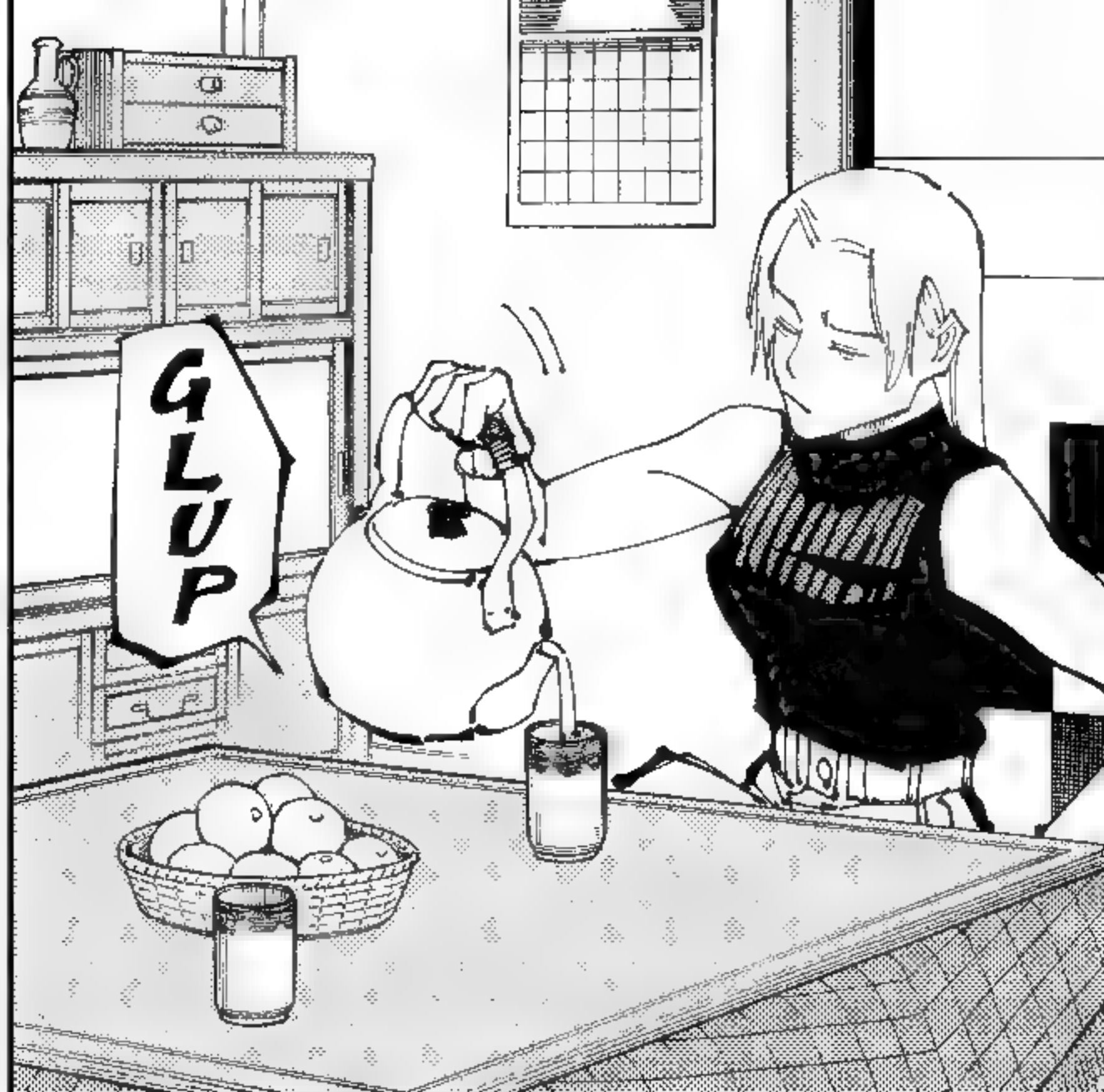
IF I EVOLVE,
I MIGHT
DESTROY
HUMANITY.

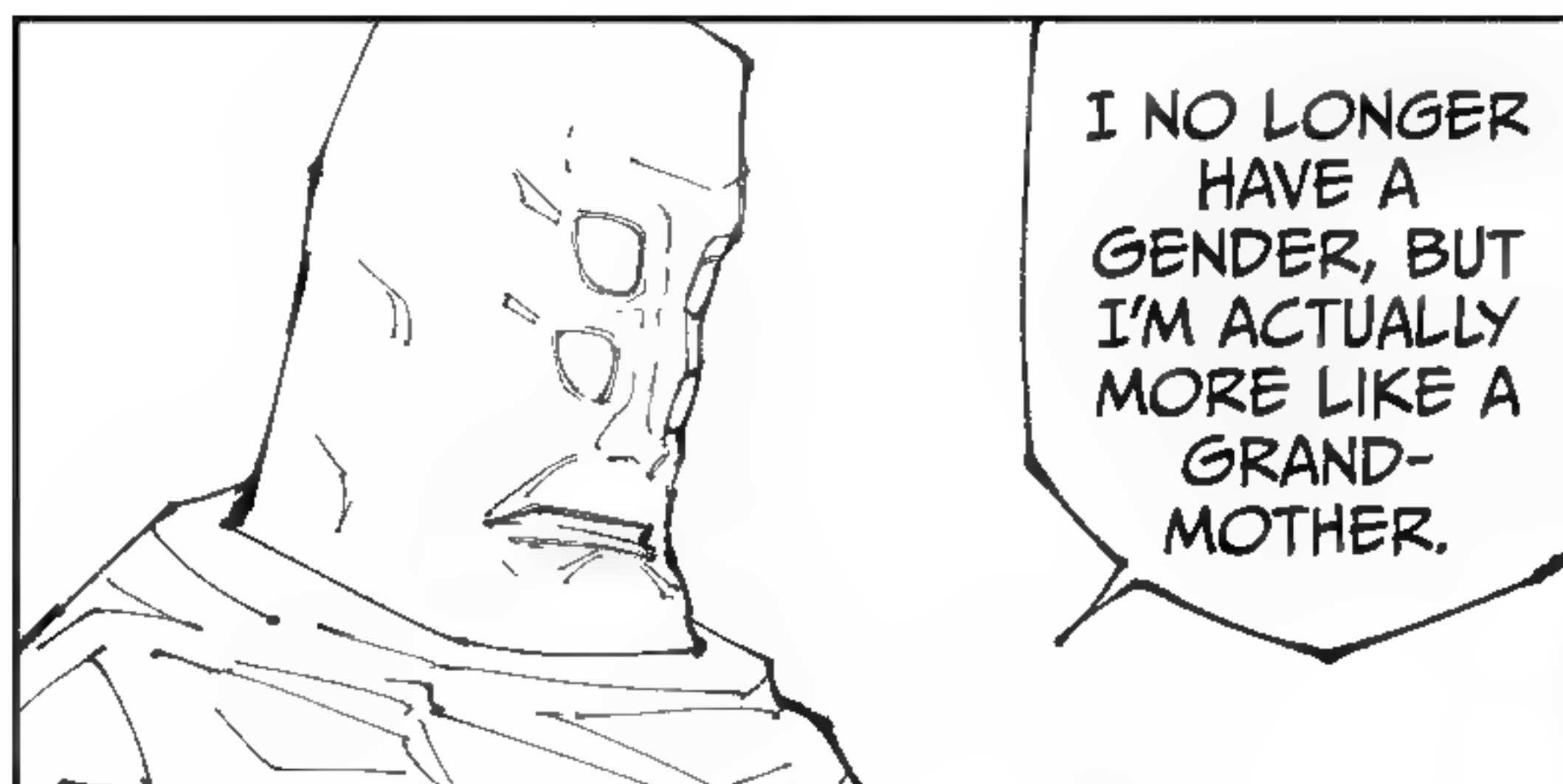


...I WAS
ALWAYS
GOING TO
END UP
LIKE THIS.

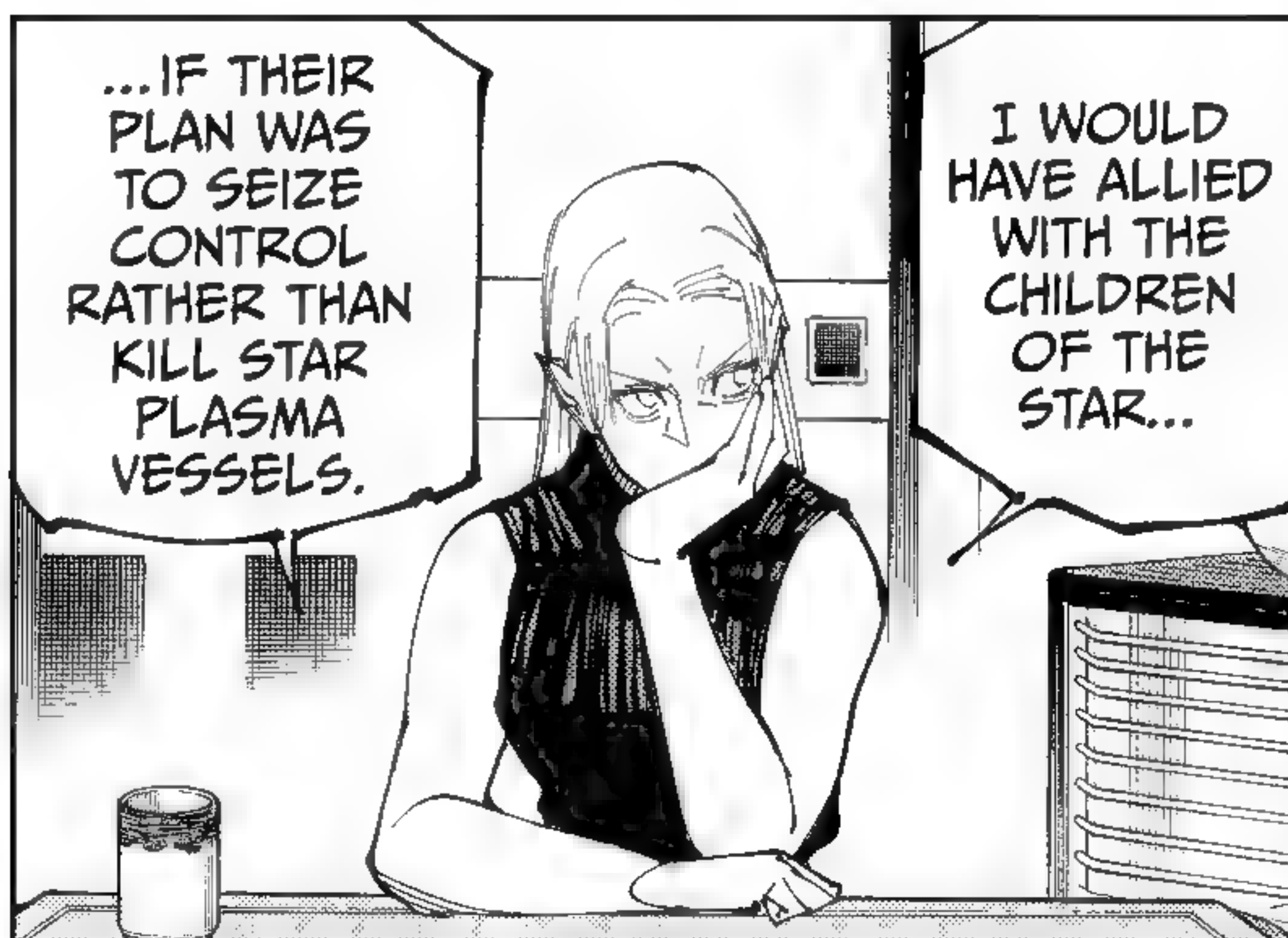
...JUST
AS THE
CHANGING
OF SEA-
SONS IS
INEVITABLE
...

I WAS NOT
CONFIDENT
ABOUT IT,
BUT...





I NO LONGER
HAVE A
GENDER, BUT
I'M ACTUALLY
MORE LIKE A
GRAND-
MOTHER.



...IF THEIR
PLAN WAS
TO SEIZE
CONTROL
RATHER THAN
KILL STAR
PLASMA
VESSELS.

I WOULD
HAVE ALLIED
WITH THE
CHILDREN
OF THE
STAR...



I HATE
TALKING
ABOUT WHAT
MIGHT'VE
BEEN.

URGH...



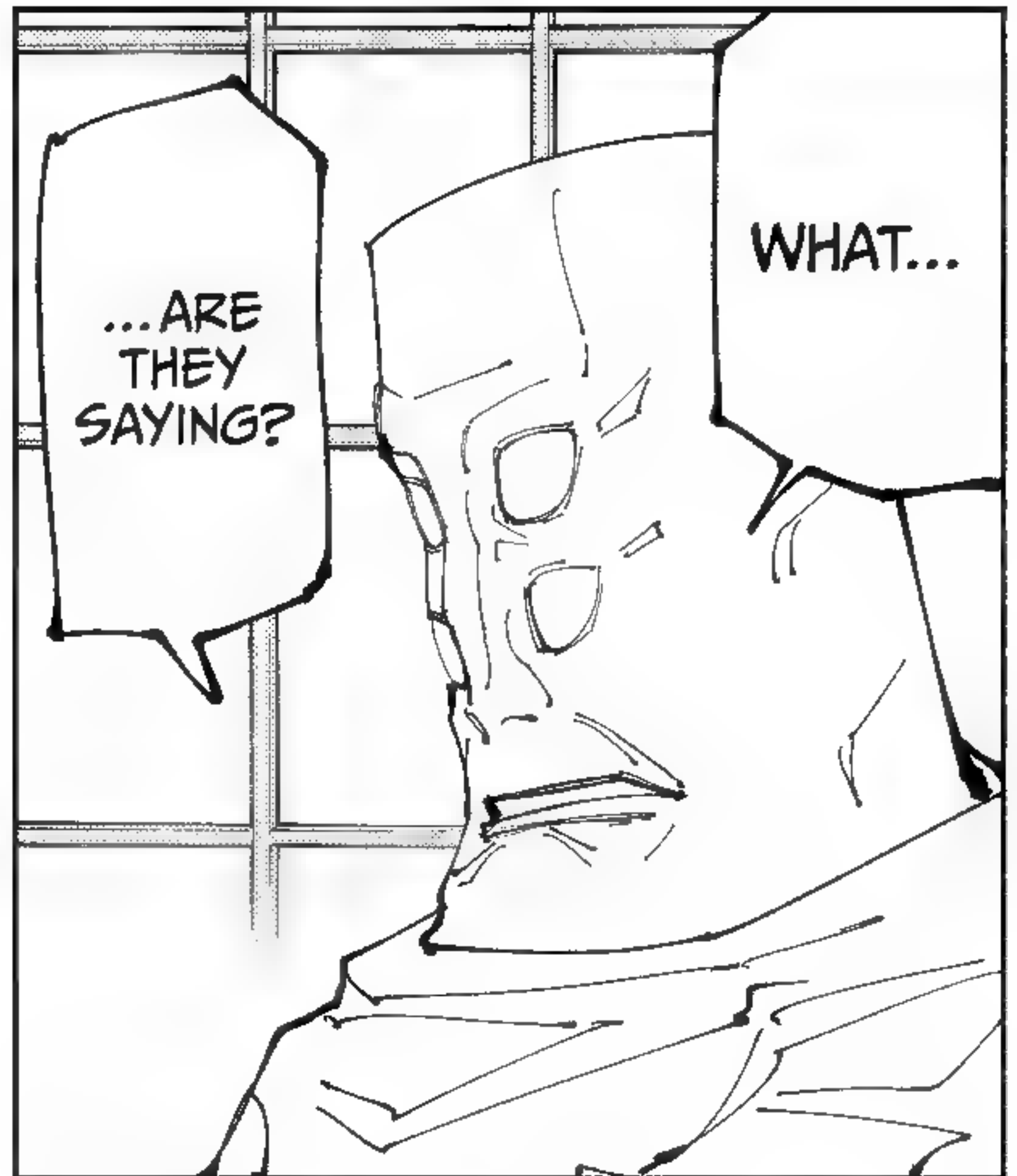
YOU
CAN
HEAR...

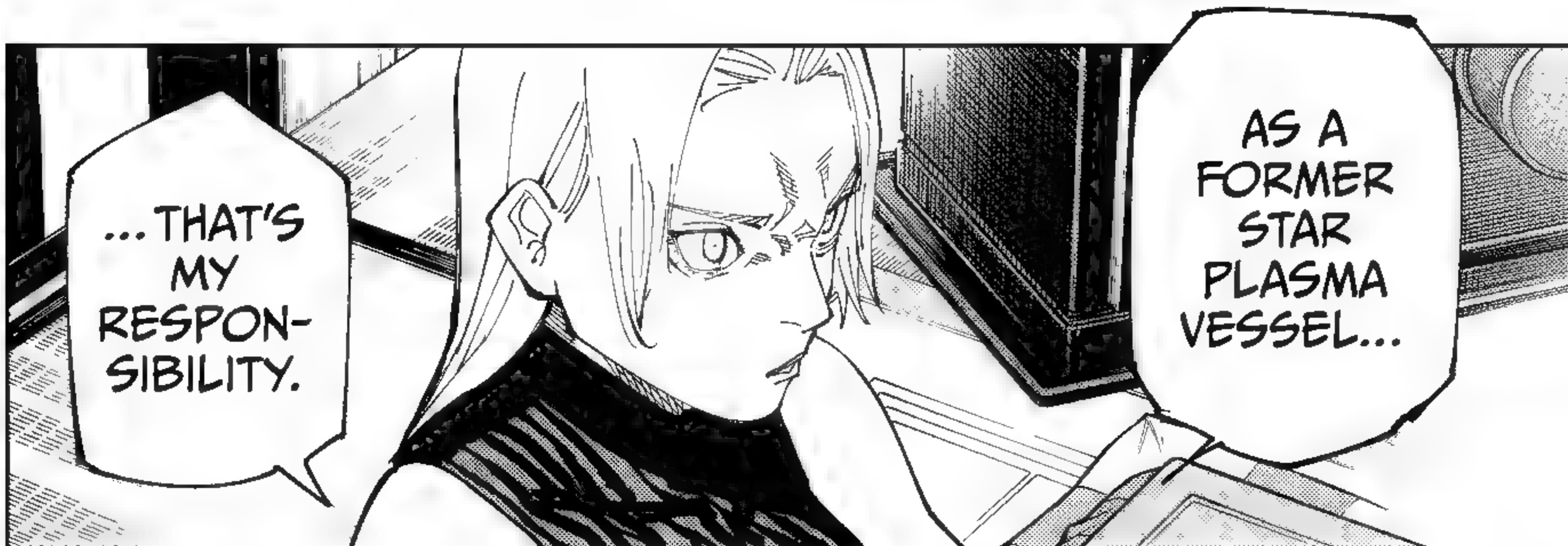
...THEIR
VOICES
IN ME,
RIGHT?

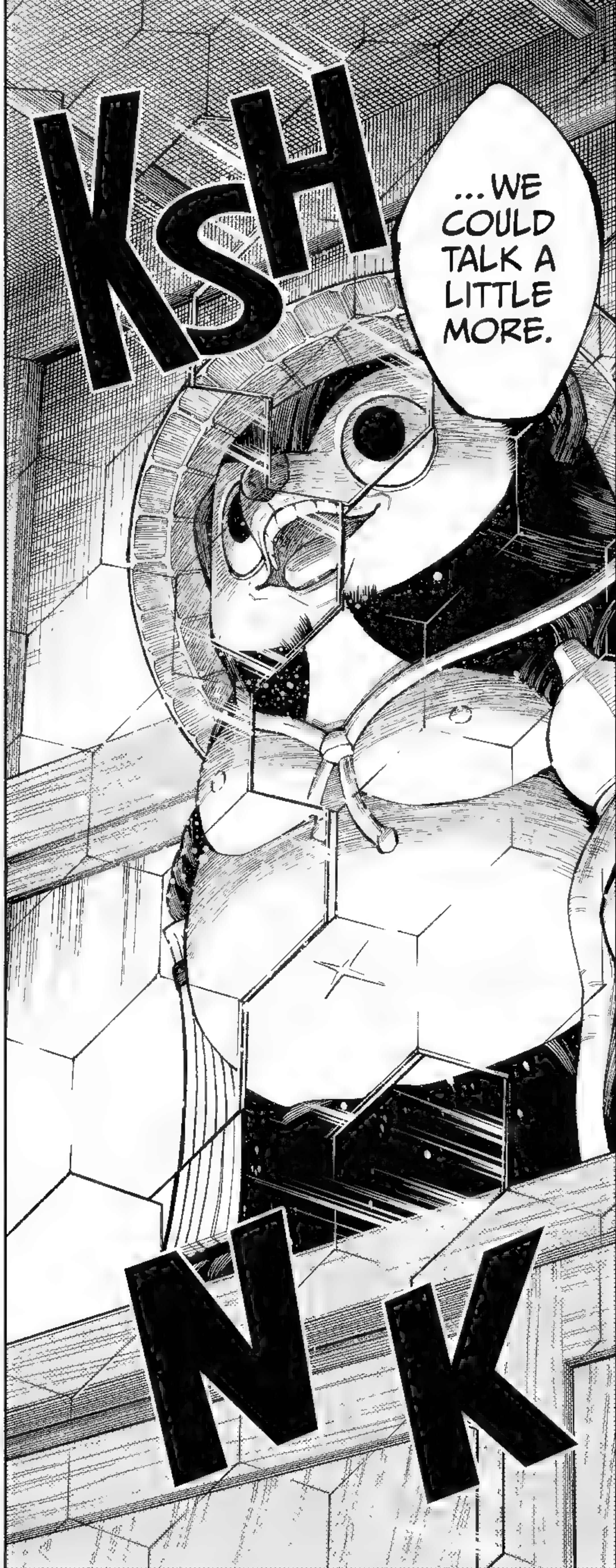
**IF THAT'S
REASONABLE...**



**...THEN YOU
MIGHT AS WELL
CALL ME A
GREAT SAGE,
YOU CRAPPY
OLD GEEZER!!!**









YOU'RE NO
LONGER
USEFUL OR
INTERESTING
TO ME.

NOVEMBER 16
12:00 A.M.
ABOVE THE
TOMBS OF THE
STAR CORRIDOR



...IF THIS
FEELING
QUALIFIES AS
INTERESTING,
BUT...

I DON'T
KNOW...



WHERE IS
TENGEN?



...I HAVE
A VAGUE
DESIRE TO
KILL YOU.



YOU
SURE ARE
A HATED
MAN.

WHO,
ME?!

THAT
TALKING
THUMB
DOESN'T
WANT TO
SEE YOU.



...SO
DON'T BE
OVERZEALOUS.

YOU'RE
MERELY THE
EXPENDABLE
FRONT LINE...



THE
CUSTOMARY
PRELUDE
TO MERGING
JAPAN'S NON-
SORCERERS
HAS FINISHED.

THE CULLING
GAME HAS
ALREADY
SERVED ITS
PURPOSE.

?!



JAPAN AND
MAYBE THE
WHOLE
WORLD
ARE DONE
FOR.

IF I TAKE
TENGEN NOW,
YOU LOSE.



WHAT'S
HE TALKING
ABOUT?
IT'S TOO
SOON!

ARE YUJI
AND THE
OTHERS
ALL
RIGHT?

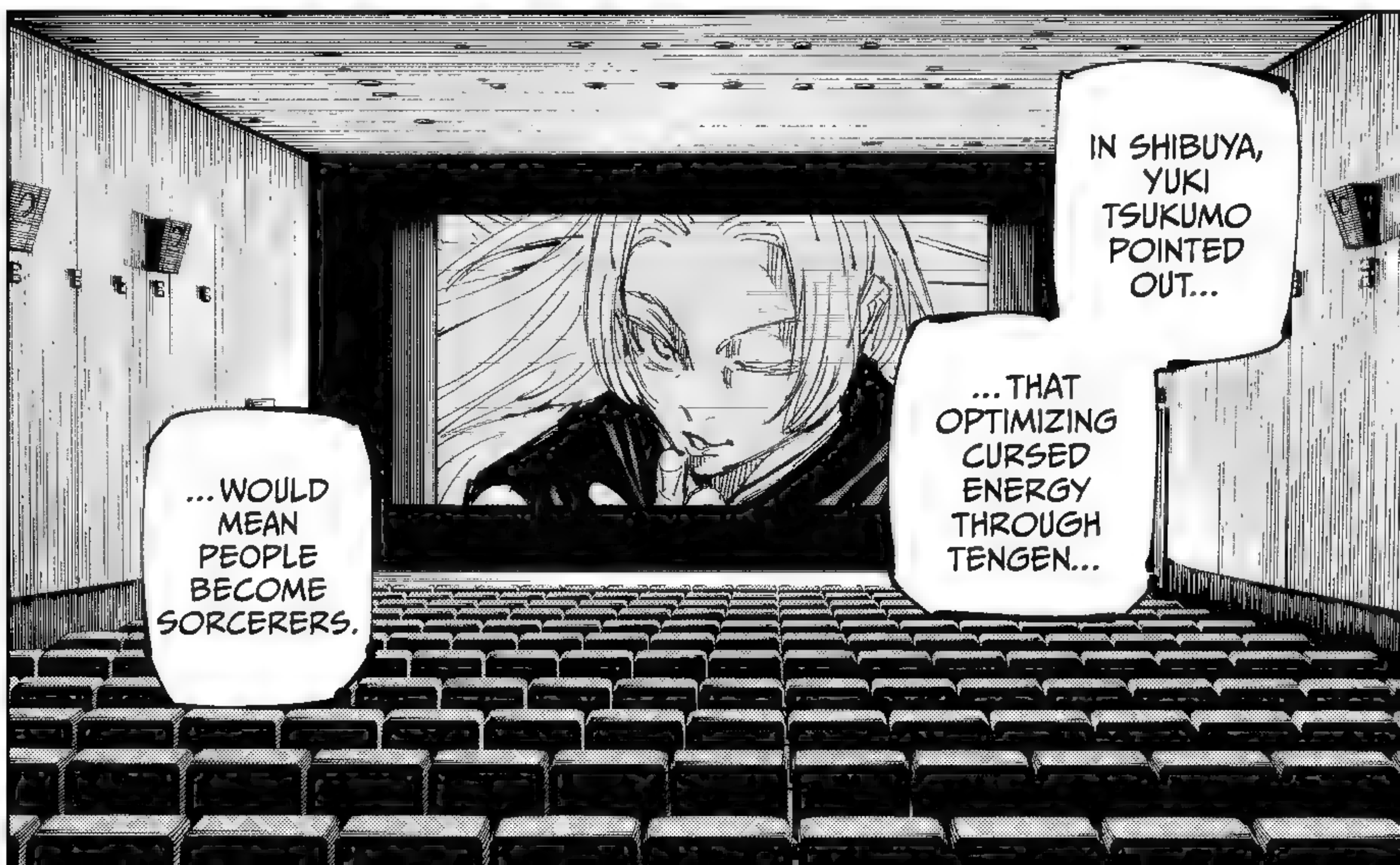


...ONE
POSSIBLE
ENDING.

I'LL
SHOW
YOU...

FWP


FWP FWP



... WOULD
MEAN
PEOPLE
BECOME
SORCERERS.

... THAT
OPTIMIZING
CURSED
ENERGY
THROUGH
TENGEN...

IN SHIBUYA,
YUKI
TSUKUMO
POINTED
OUT...



AS I'VE SAID
BEFORE, I DO
NOT SEEK TO
RID THE WORLD
OF CURSED
SPIRITS THE
WAY SHE DOES.

...AS
MERE
VERIFI-
CATION
VIA THE
CULLING
GAME.

FOR ME,
THAT
PRECEDES
MERGER...

I'M SURPRISED
SHE SUSPECTED
CONSUMPTION OF
THE POPULACE
AS A CURSED
ENERGY
RESOURCE.

OR
RATHER,
I'M
HAPPY...

...TO KNOW
SHE THINKS
A LOT
LIKE ME.

BUT I
DIGRESS.



...OF CURSED SPIRITS AND SORCERERS.

I'VE ALWAYS CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITIES...



...BY RAISING CURSED SPIRITS TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

...MAY BE ATTAINED...

THE NEW FORM OF CURSED ENERGY...



HOW DISAPPOINTING.

BUT YOU'RE NORMAL



THAT'S WHY I EXPECTED MUCH FROM THOSE LIKE YOU WHO SHARE BLOOD WITH CURSED SPIRITS.



...AND I'LL KILL YOU WITHOUT SITTING THROUGH THIS SIDESHOW.

BRING UP MY BROTHERS NEXT...



YEAH, YEAH

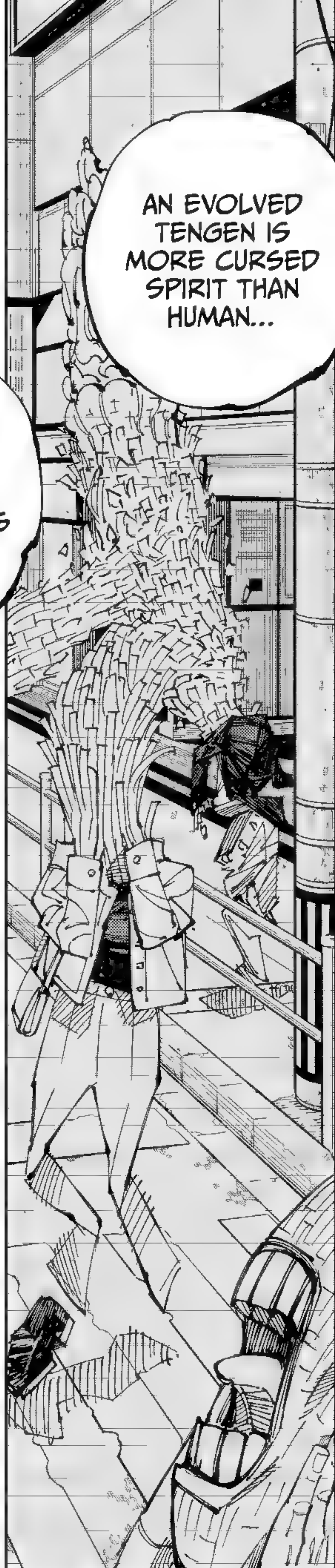


...MEANS
A HUNDRED
MILLION
PEOPLE
BECOMING
CURSED SPIRITS
WITH CURSED
ENERGY...

...AND AN
UZUMAKI-LIKE
DISTILLATION
PROCESS.



...SO
MERGING
TENGEN
WITH NON-
SORCERERS
IN JAPAN...



AN EVOLVED
TENGEN IS
MORE CURSED
SPIRIT THAN
HUMAN...



I FEEL
LIKE A
TODDLER
WITH A
CRAYON...

...AND
A BLANK
SHEET OF
PAPER.



I WONDER
WHAT FORM
THAT WOULD
TAKE...





...UNTIL
IT'S DONE.

...
WHETHER
OR NOT
IT IS...

BUT I
WON'T
KNOW...



...ENDS UP
LOOKING
LIKE A
FUNNY
FACE?

WHAT IF THAT
CONGLOM-
ERATION OF
CURSED
ENERGY...



**PIERCING
BLOOD!!!**

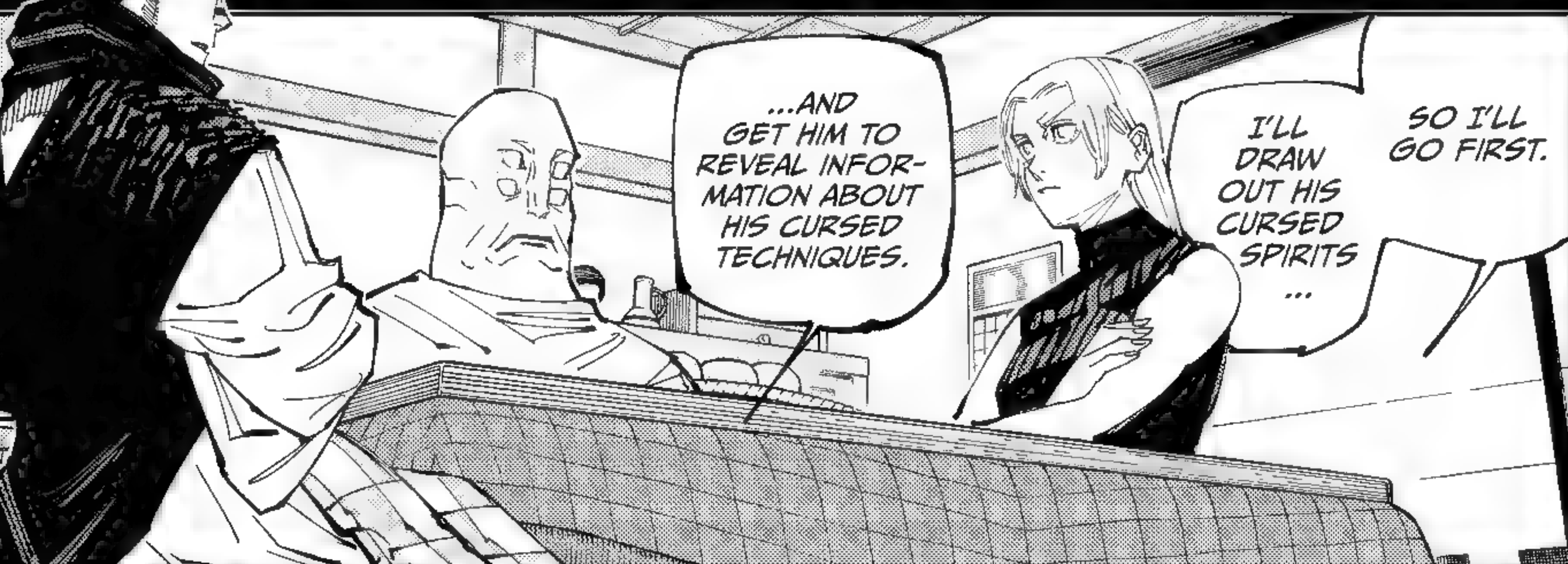
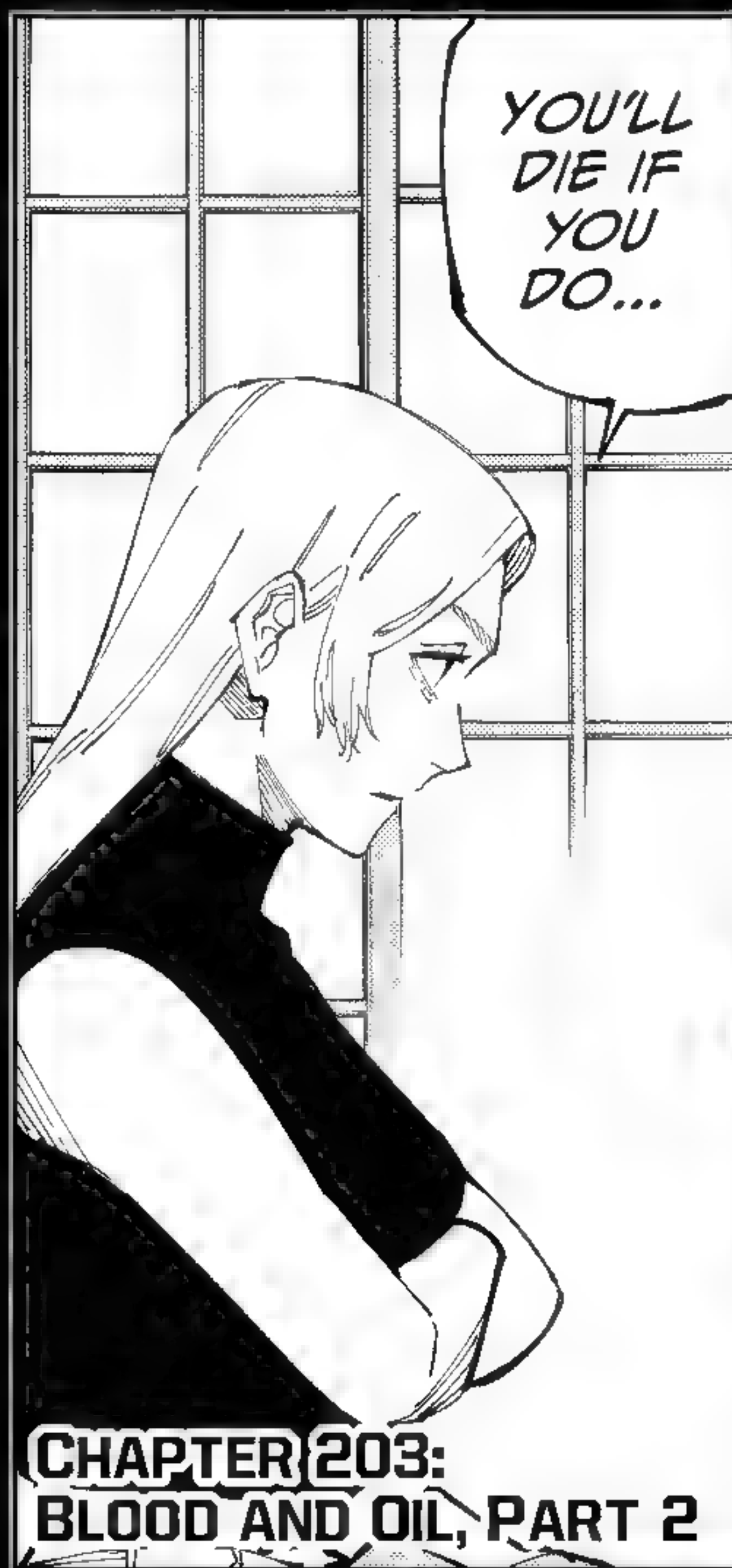


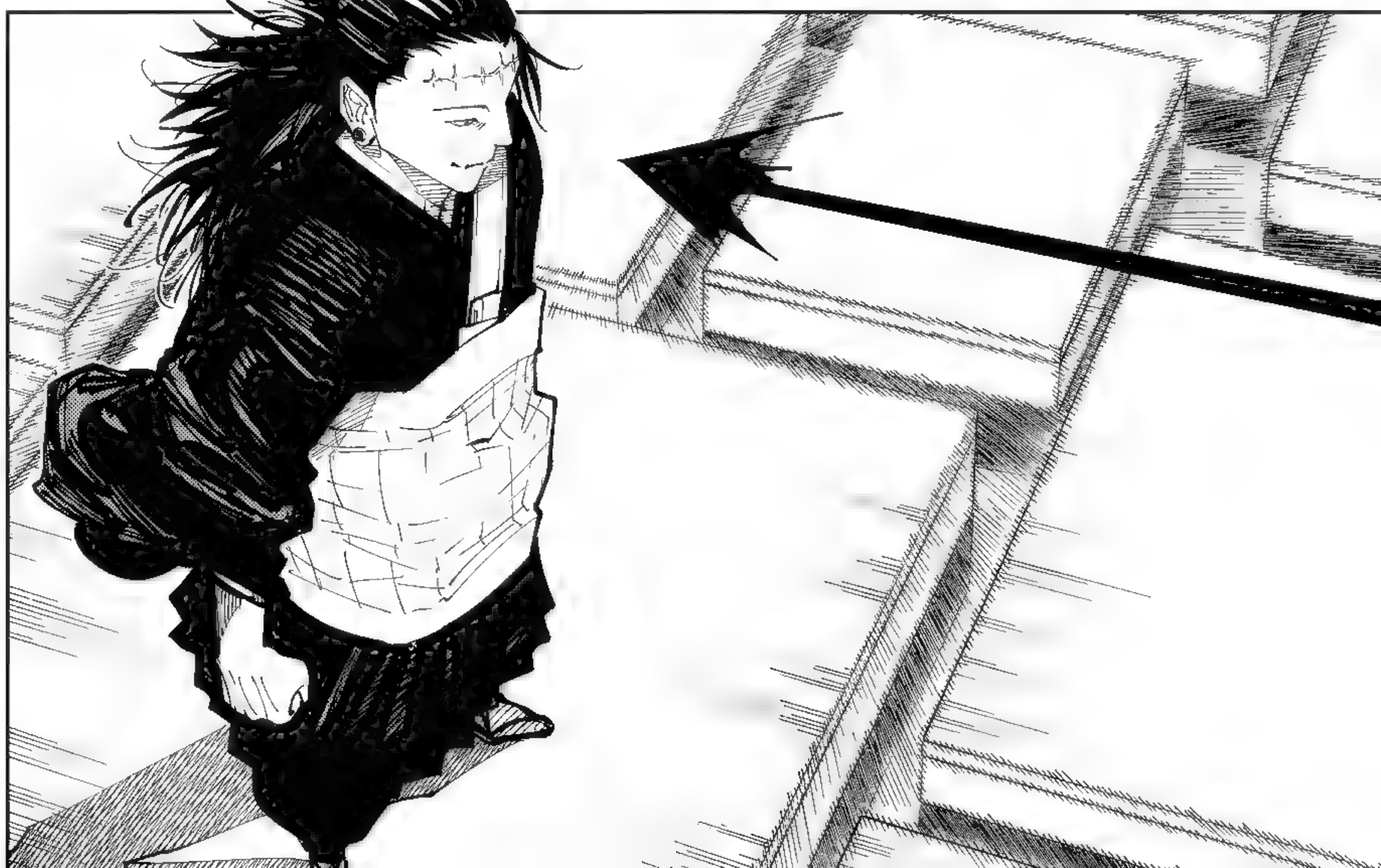
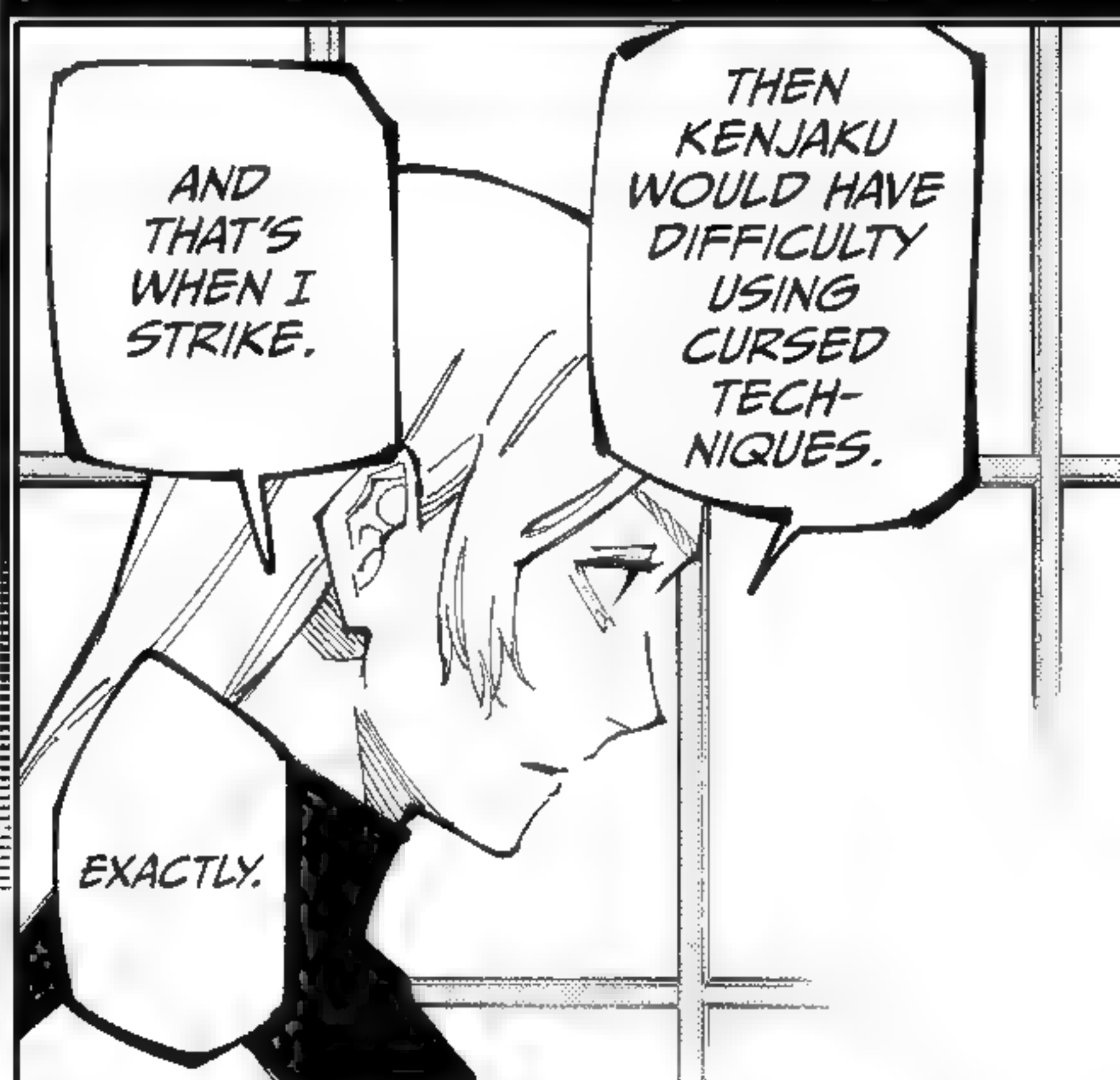
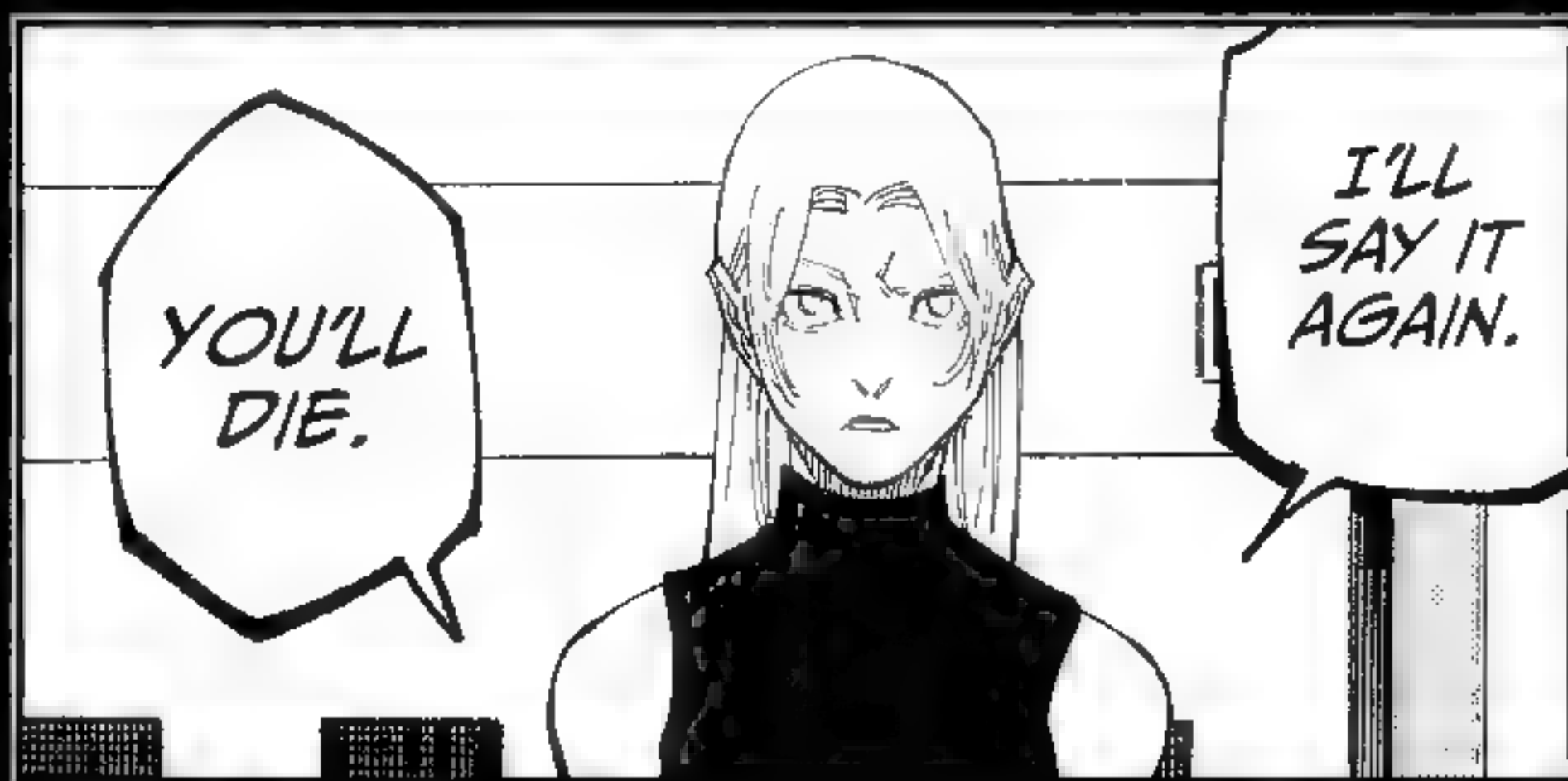
WOULDN'T
THAT BE
HILAR-
IOUS?

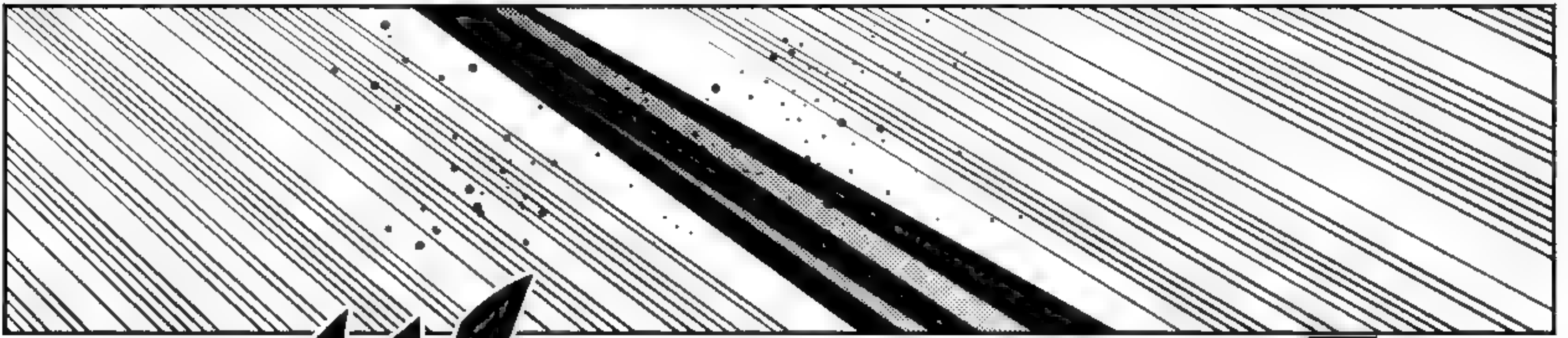
**HA
HA!**

I GOT ADVISORS! (3)

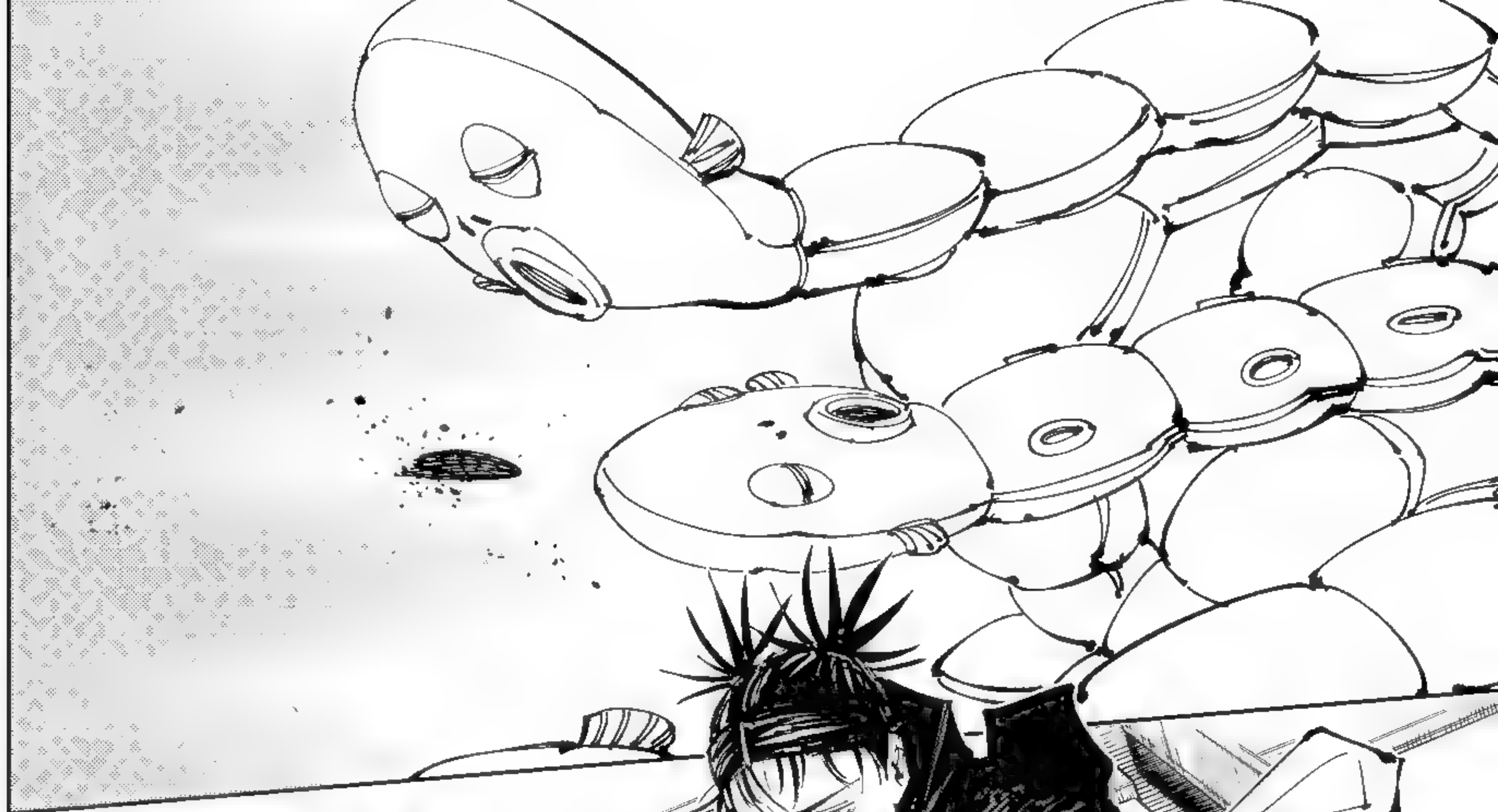




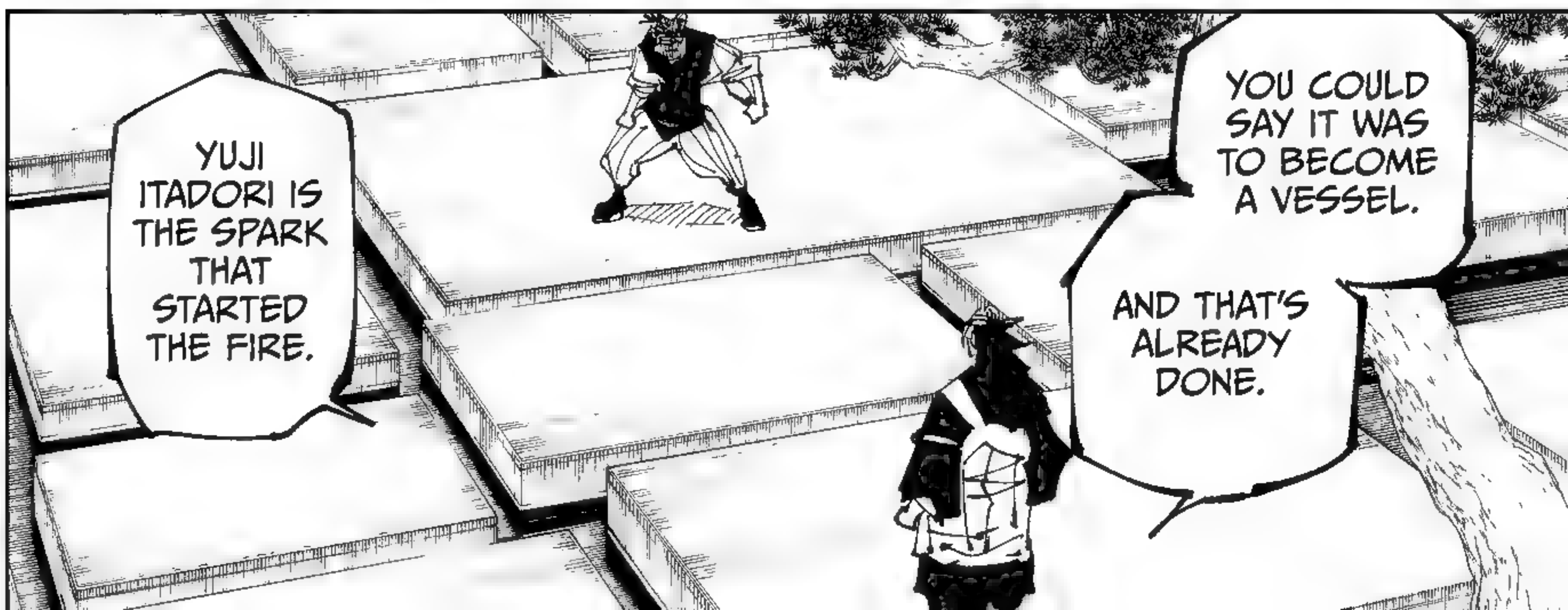


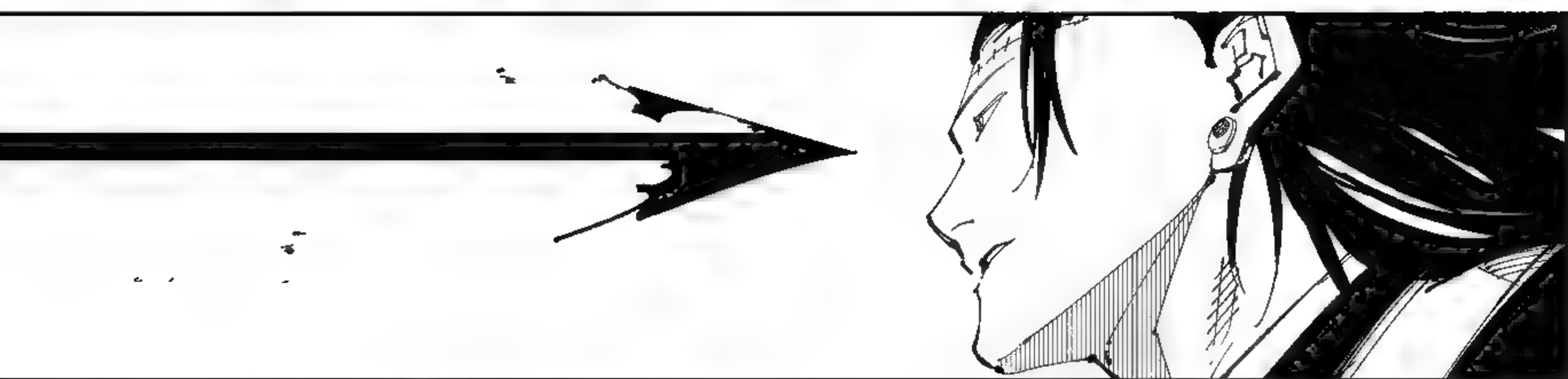
















CURSED
SPIRITS
FROM
UNDERNEATH
ME!!



SKITTER



I KNOW
YOU'RE
JUST
FEELING
ME OUT.



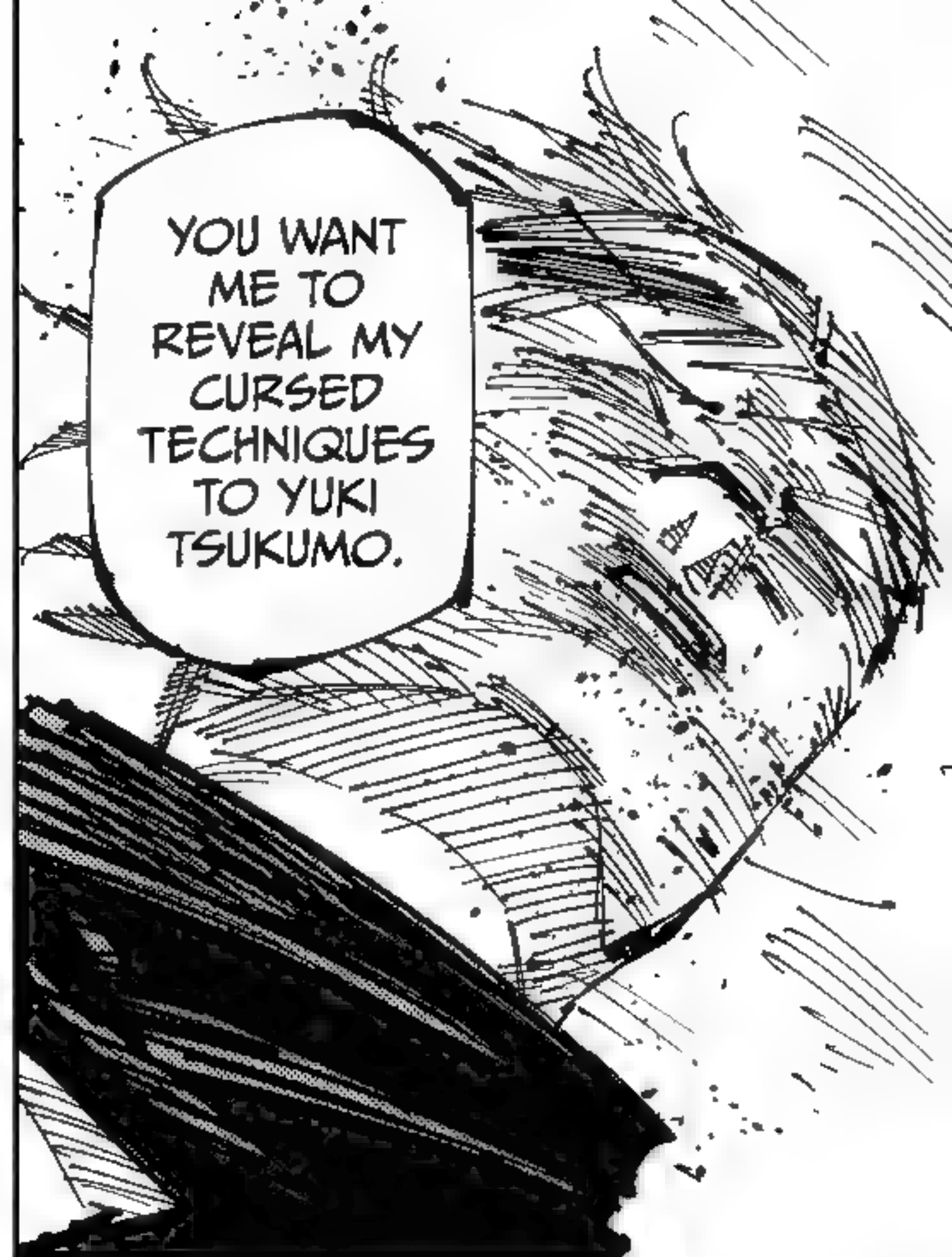
BECAUSE

...

...YOU'RE
ALL
FAILED
CRE-
ATIONS!!

GR

ND



YOU WANT
ME TO
REVEAL MY
CURSED
TECHNIQUES
TO YUKI
TSUKUMO.



I'VE
ONLY BEEN
MANIPULATING
LOW-LEVEL
CURSED
SPIRITS...

...BUT
PERHAPS
EVEN THAT
IS UNNEC-
ESSARY.



...ABOUT
MY LITTLE
BROTHERS
?!

WHAT
DO YOU
KNOW...



BE HAPPY
YOU GOT ME
TO SAY THAT
MUCH.

AND I HAD
SUCH HIGH
EXPECTATIONS.
I'M SO DIS-
APPOINTED.

AW...
DID I
OFFEND
YOU?



GLURP
GLURP


AGH!

GLURP

DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT...

...THE RANK
SPECIAL
GRADE
SIGNIFIES?

FOOSH



THE ABILITY
TO SINGLE-
HANDEDLY
OVERTHROW
NATIONS.



THAT'S
OBVIOUSLY
TRUE FOR
SATORU
GOJO...

...BUT SUGURU
GETO CAN
ALSO WIELD
A GROTESQUE
ARMY THROUGH
HIS CURSED
MANIPULATION.

WIGGLE



THAT'S
WHAT A BIG
BROTHER
DOES.

I NEEDED
TO PROTECT
MY LITTLE
BROTHERS...
TO BE
DEPENDABLE...
TO SERVE AS
AN EXAMPLE...

I HAVE
FAILED AS
A BIG
BROTHER.



"IT JUST
SOUNDS
FUN."



...FUN.

NOT...



BUT...

...AGAINST
MY CREEP
OF A
FATHER.

I COULDN'T
EVEN LAND
ONE HIT...





**LEND
ME...**

**YOUNGER
BROTHERS
OF THE
DEATH
PAINTING
WOMBS!**



FIRE!!!!

**...YOUR
STRENGTH!!**

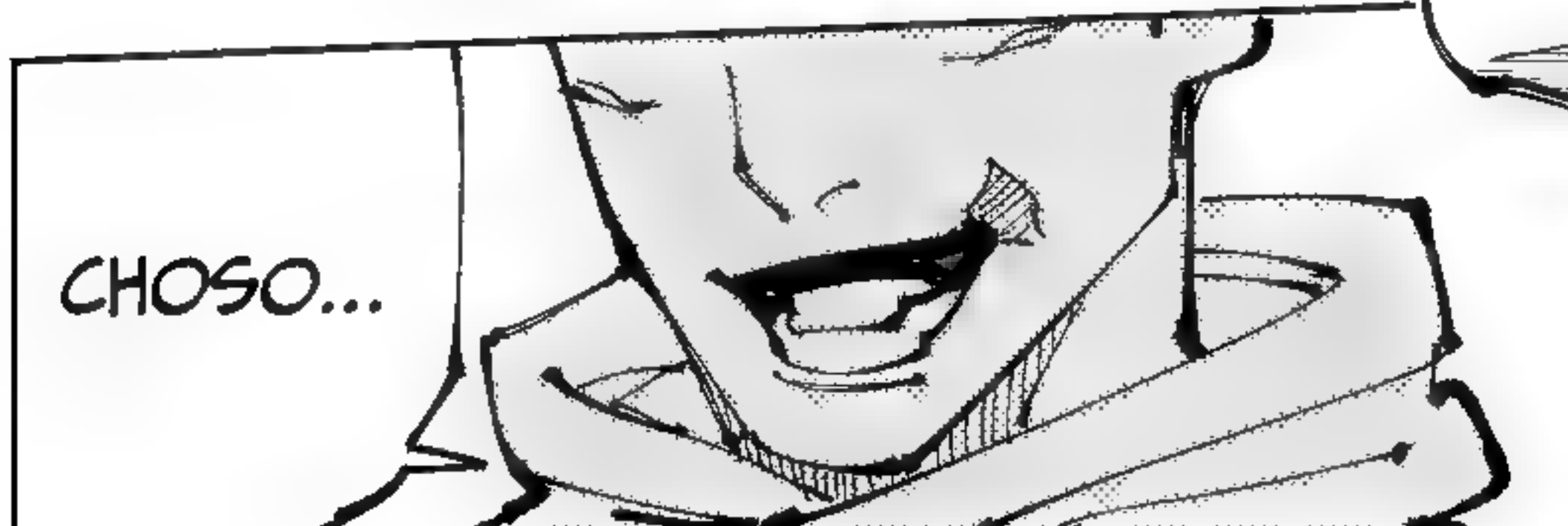
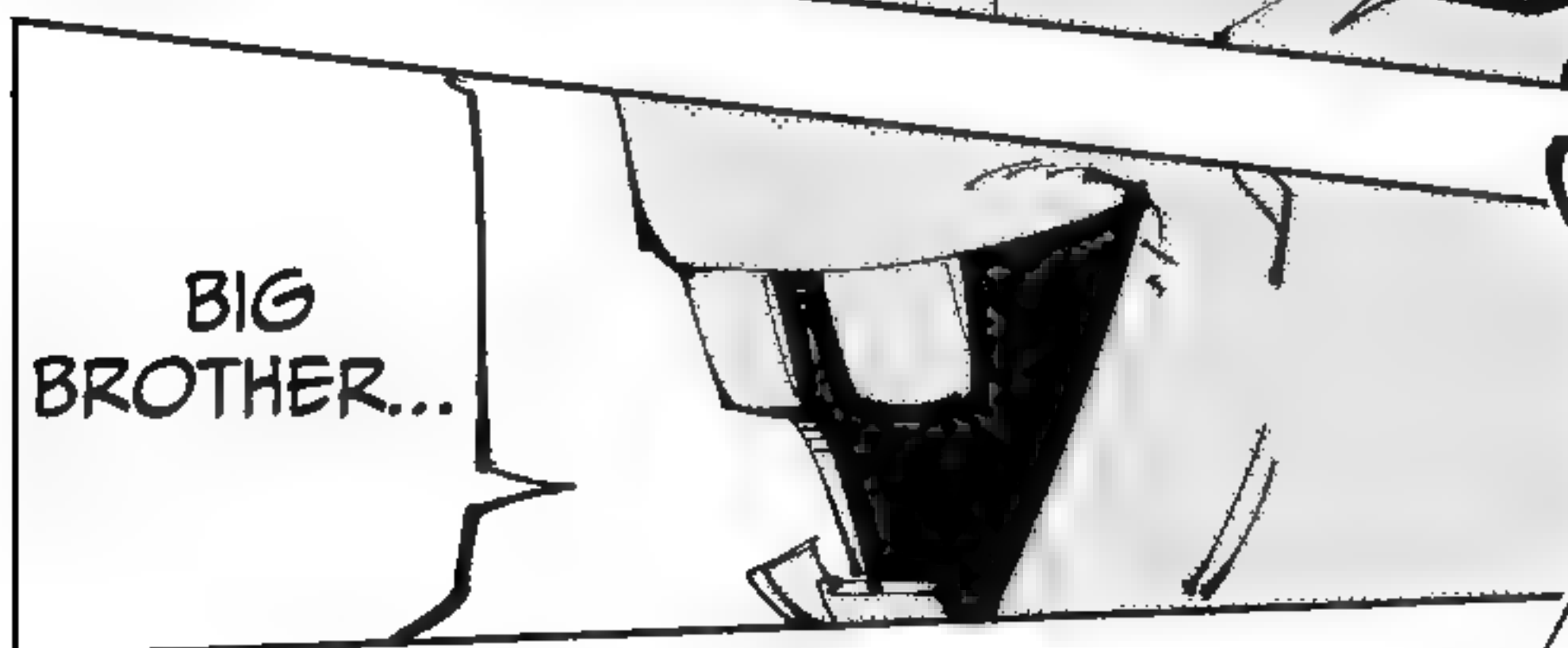
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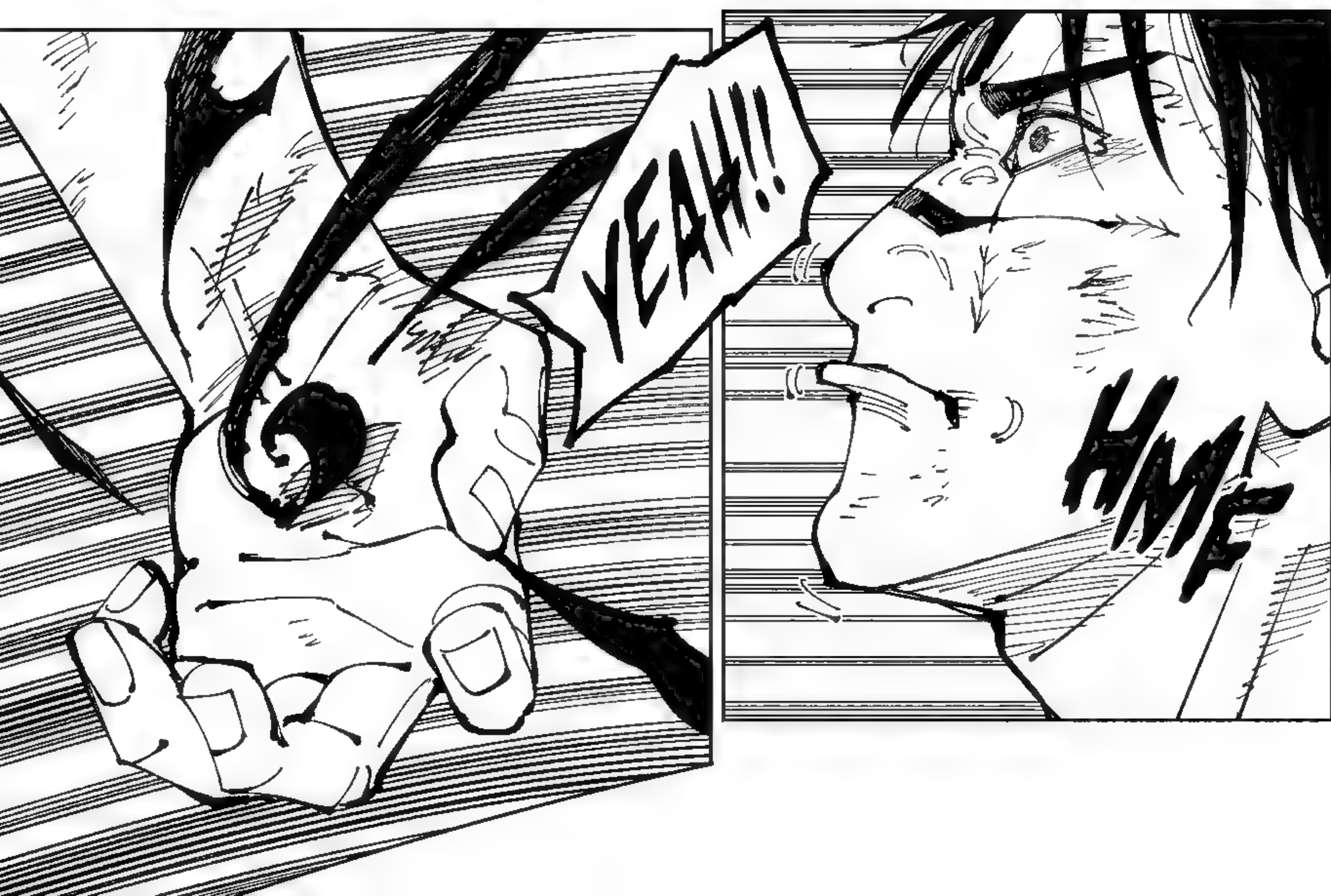
YOU SHOULD
CHANGE
CLOTHES
SOON, OR—



CHAPTER 204: BLOOD AND OIL, PART 3









PIERCING
BLOOD'S...







GWSH

THIS IS
ZESO'S...

VWO

FWA





MORE
LIKE A
CHEAP
COPY.







IT'S USELESS.
YOUR BLOOD'S
POISON WON'T
AFFECT ME.
I'M YOUR
FATHER.

EVEN IF YOU
ADD TRACKING,
IT'S NOT AS
FAST AS
PIERCING
BLOOD.





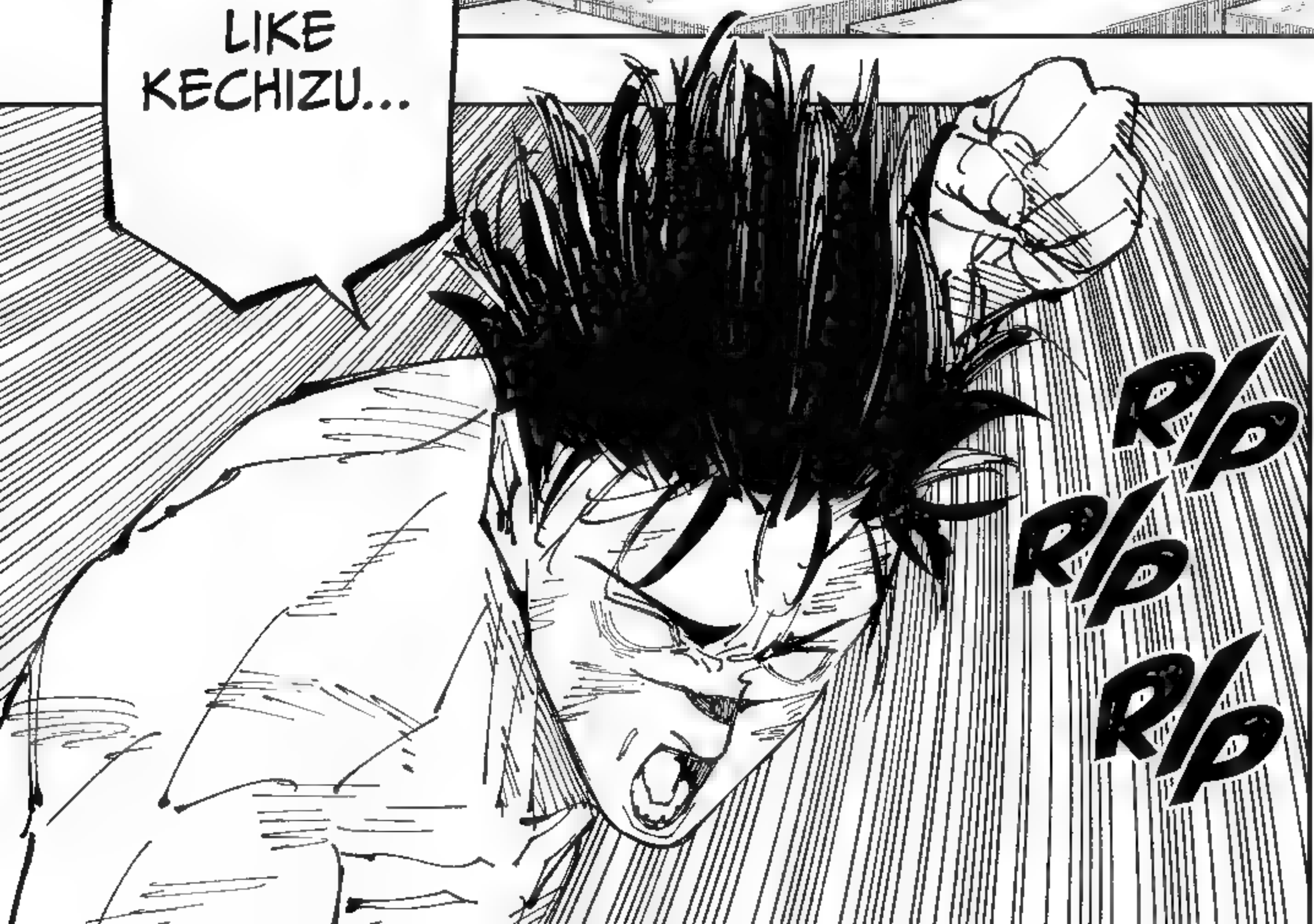
WAS
THERE
A POINT
TO ALL
THAT?

LIKE ESO,
I MUST
FIGHT...



... WITH
GRACE!

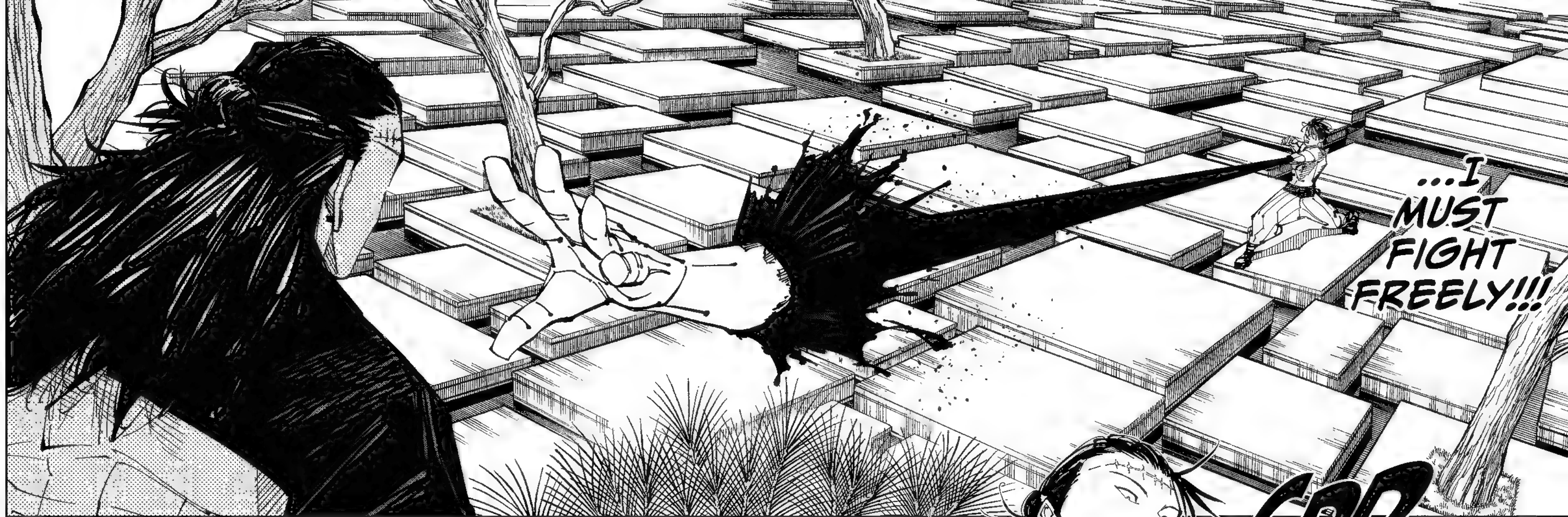
LIKE
KECHIZU...



R/P
R/P
R/P



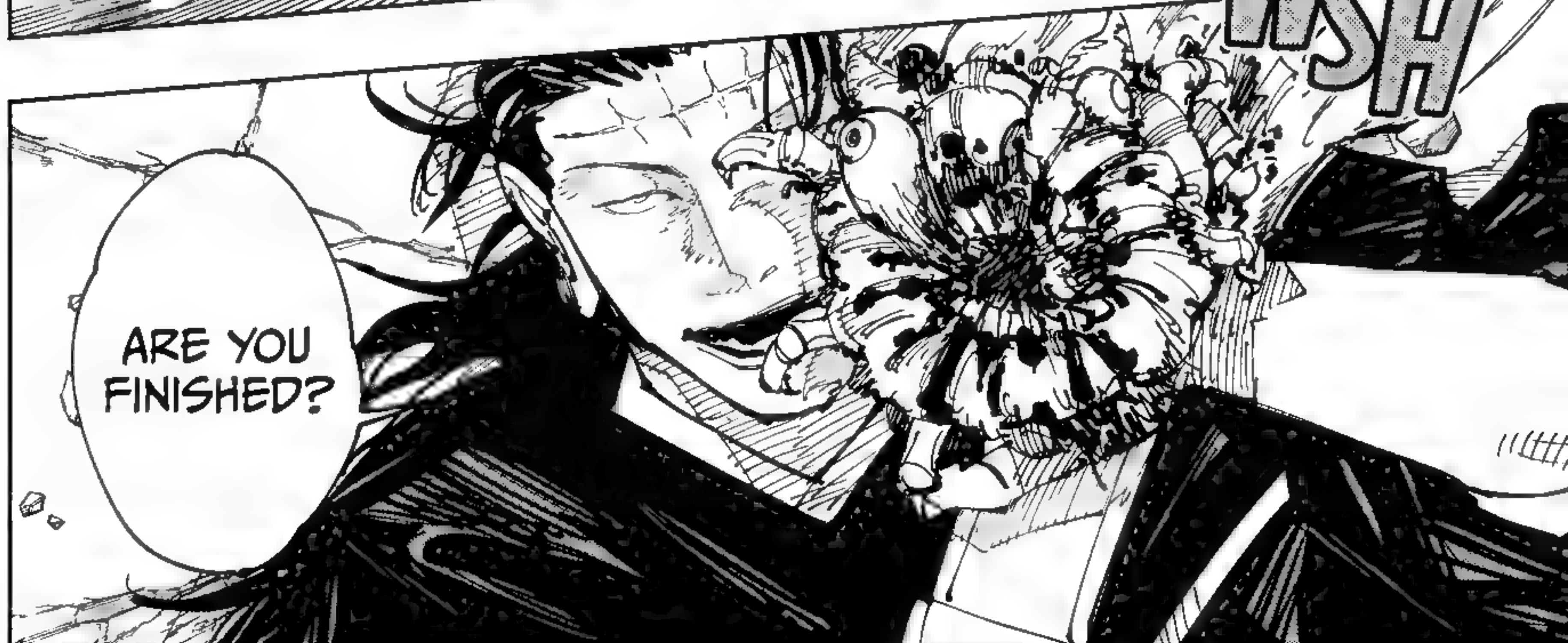
?





...I
MUST
FIGHT
WITH
POWER
!!!

PW
SH



ARE YOU
FINISHED?



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?!

P
W

HWSH

O

O

O

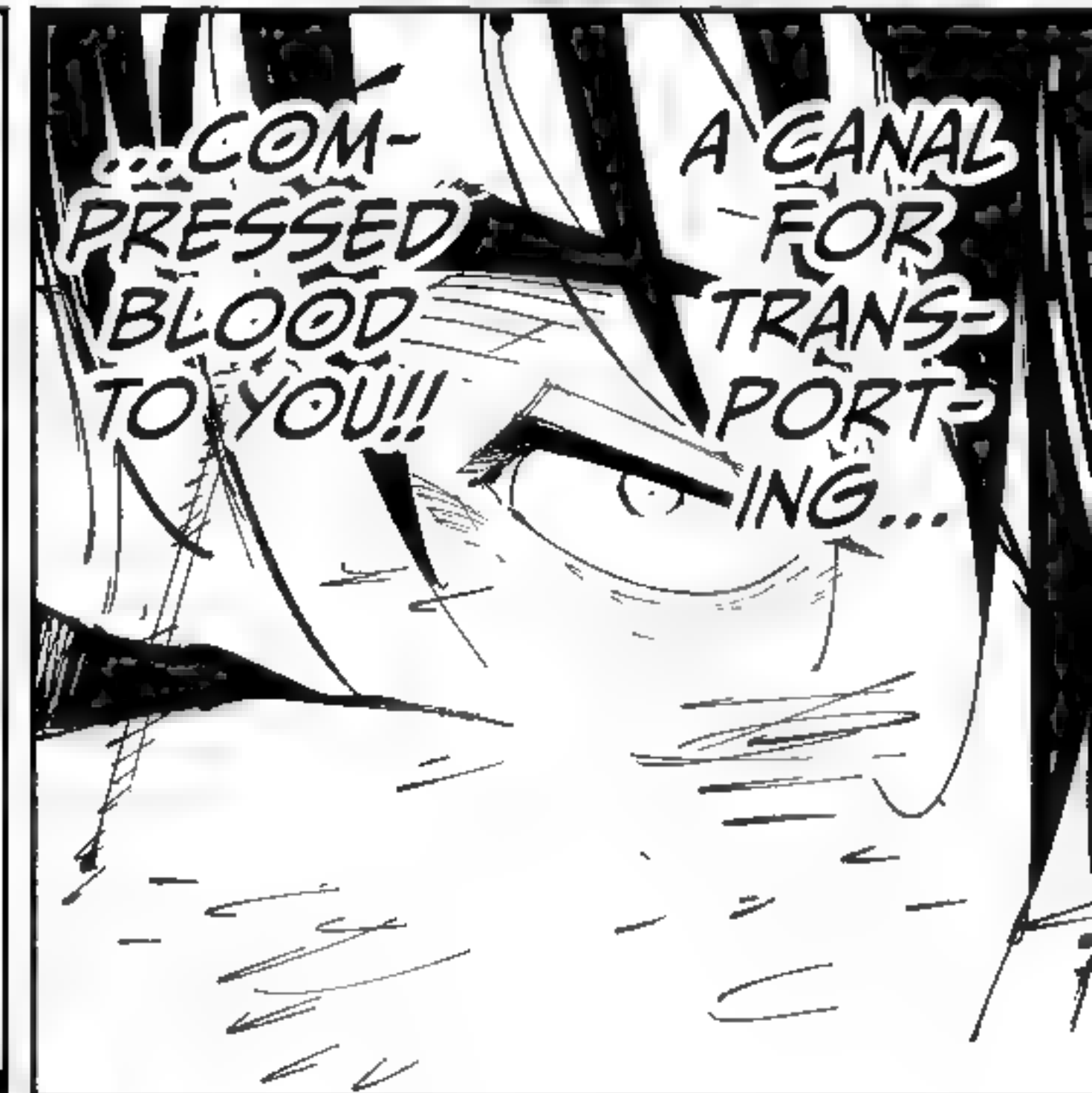
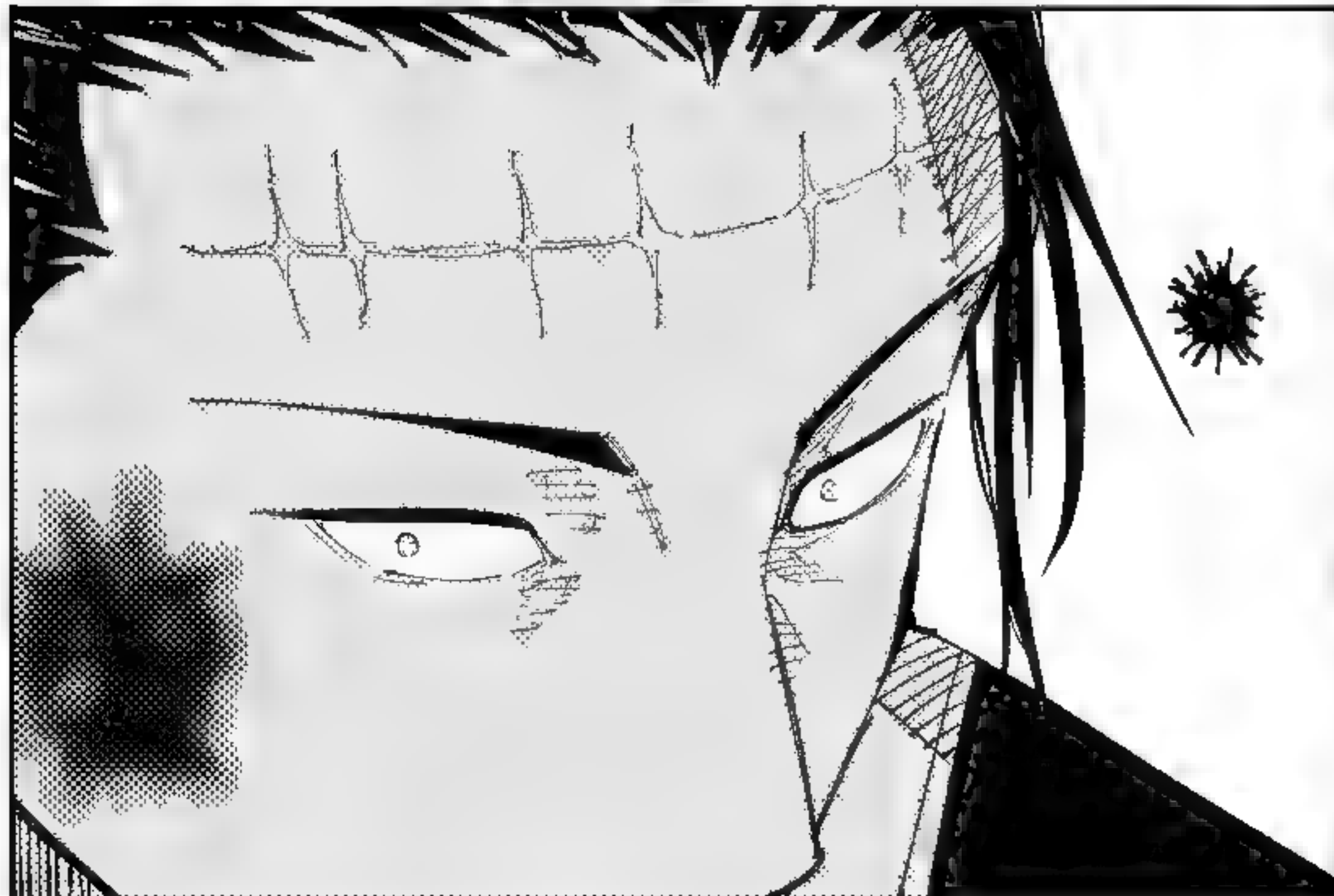
AS I SAID, IT
LACKS THE
REQUISITE
SPEED AND
FORCE.



HOW
DISAP-
POINT-
ING.

...A
CANAL.

TRACKING
OPERATES
LIKE...



...COM-
PRESSED
BLOOD
TO YOU!!

A CANAL
FOR
TRANS-
PORT-
ING...



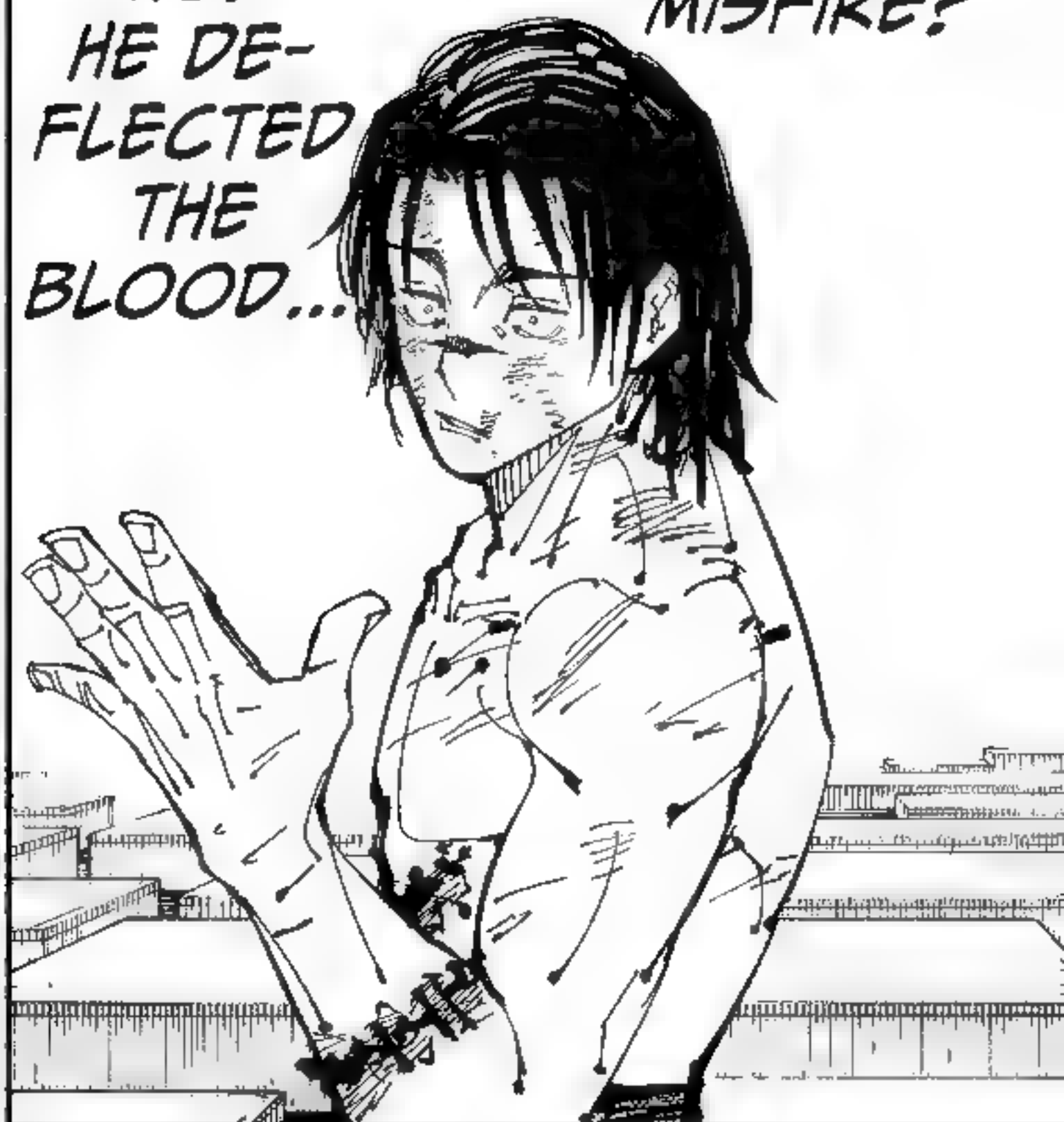
**SUPER-
NOVA!!**



...FROM
EVERY
DIREC-
TION!!

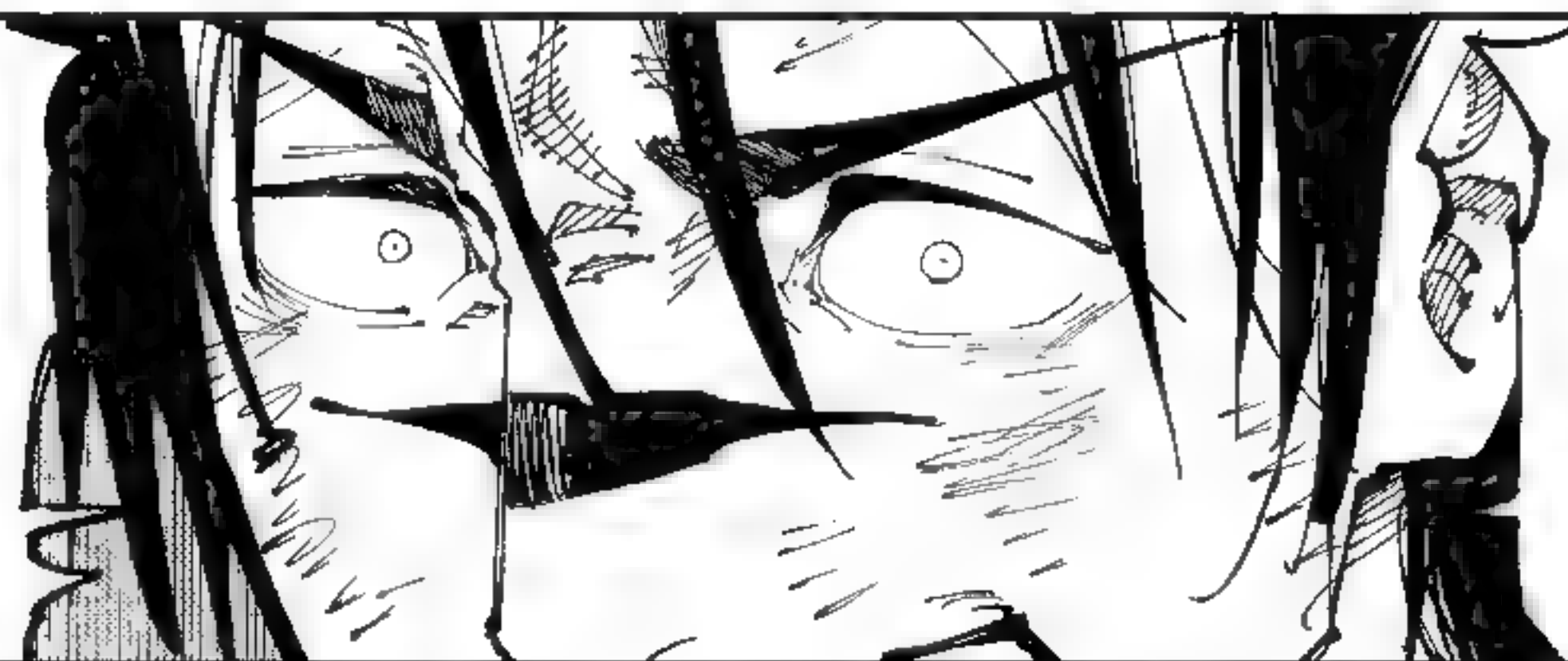
NO!
HE DE-
FLECTED
THE
BLOOD...

A
MISFIRE?



A
GUN!

...SOMETHING
OTHER THAN
CURSED
MANIPU-
LATION!!



YOU
JUST
USED...

I MAY BE
AN ONLY
CHILD,
BUT...

**...GOOD
WORK, BIG
BROTHER!!**





CHAPTER 205:
STARS AND OIL,
PART 1



TSUKUMO
...

NOW
LEAVE THE
REST TO
ME.

WAY
TO PUT
UP A
FIGHT!

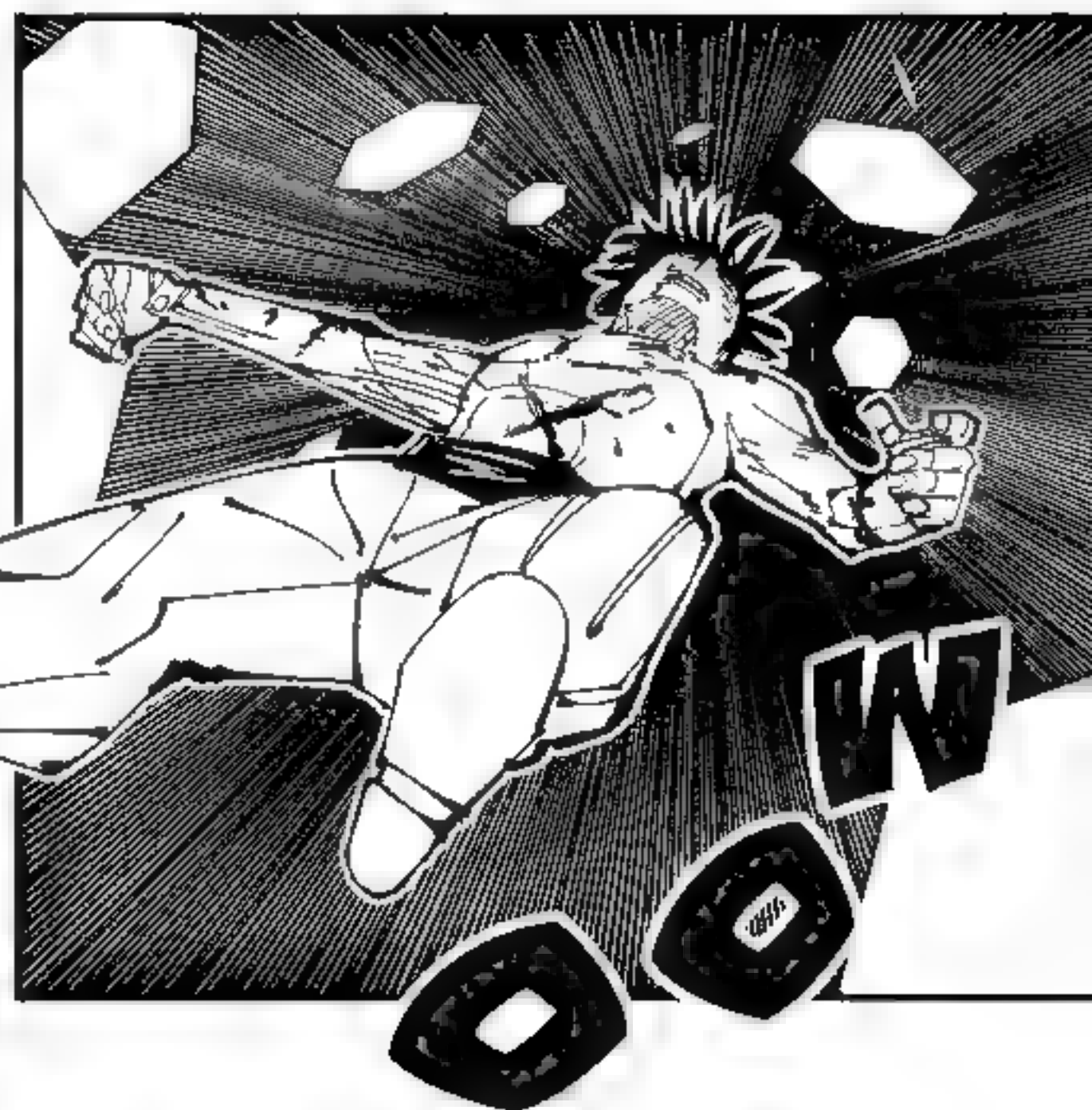
FWSH

...

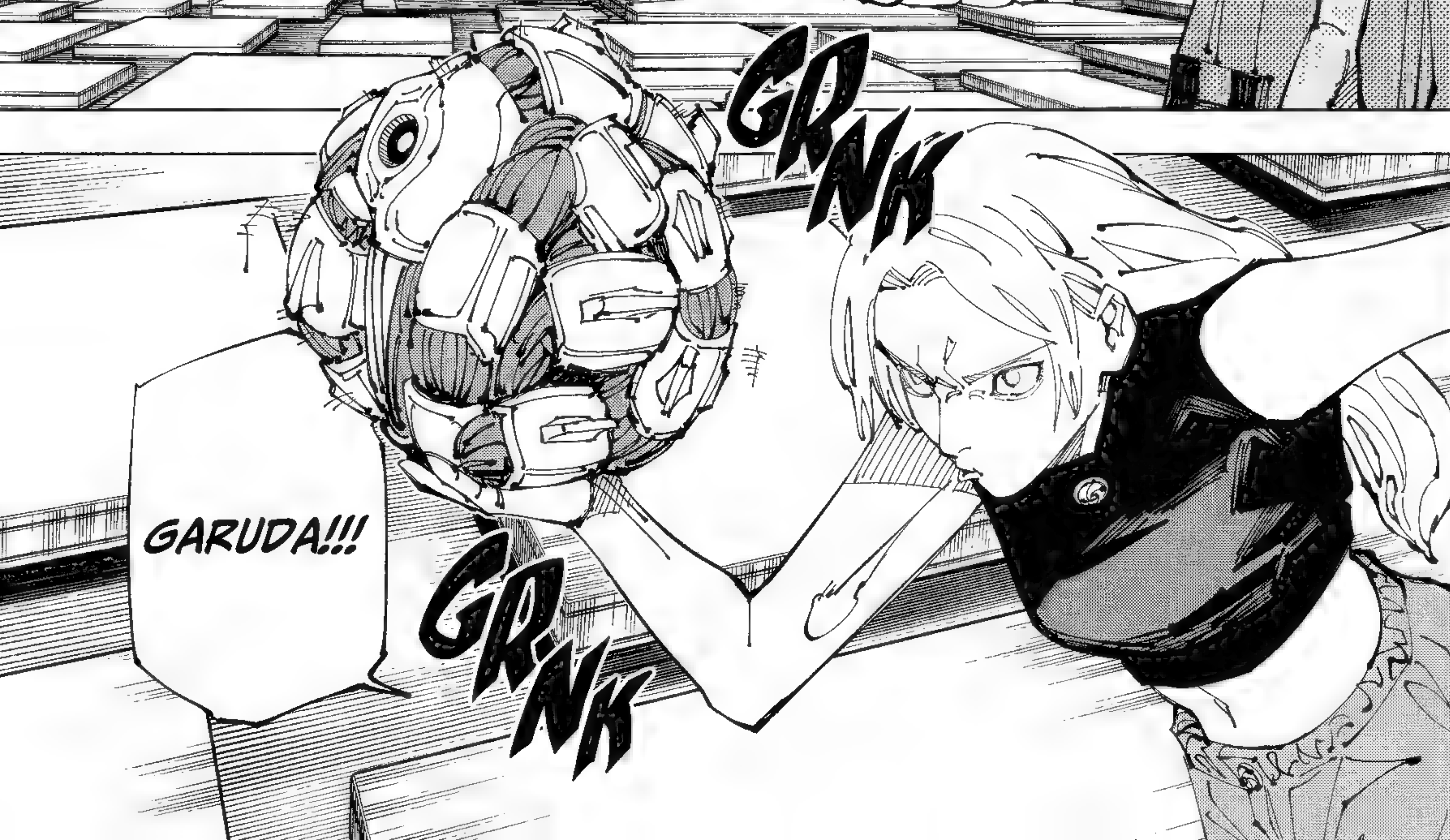
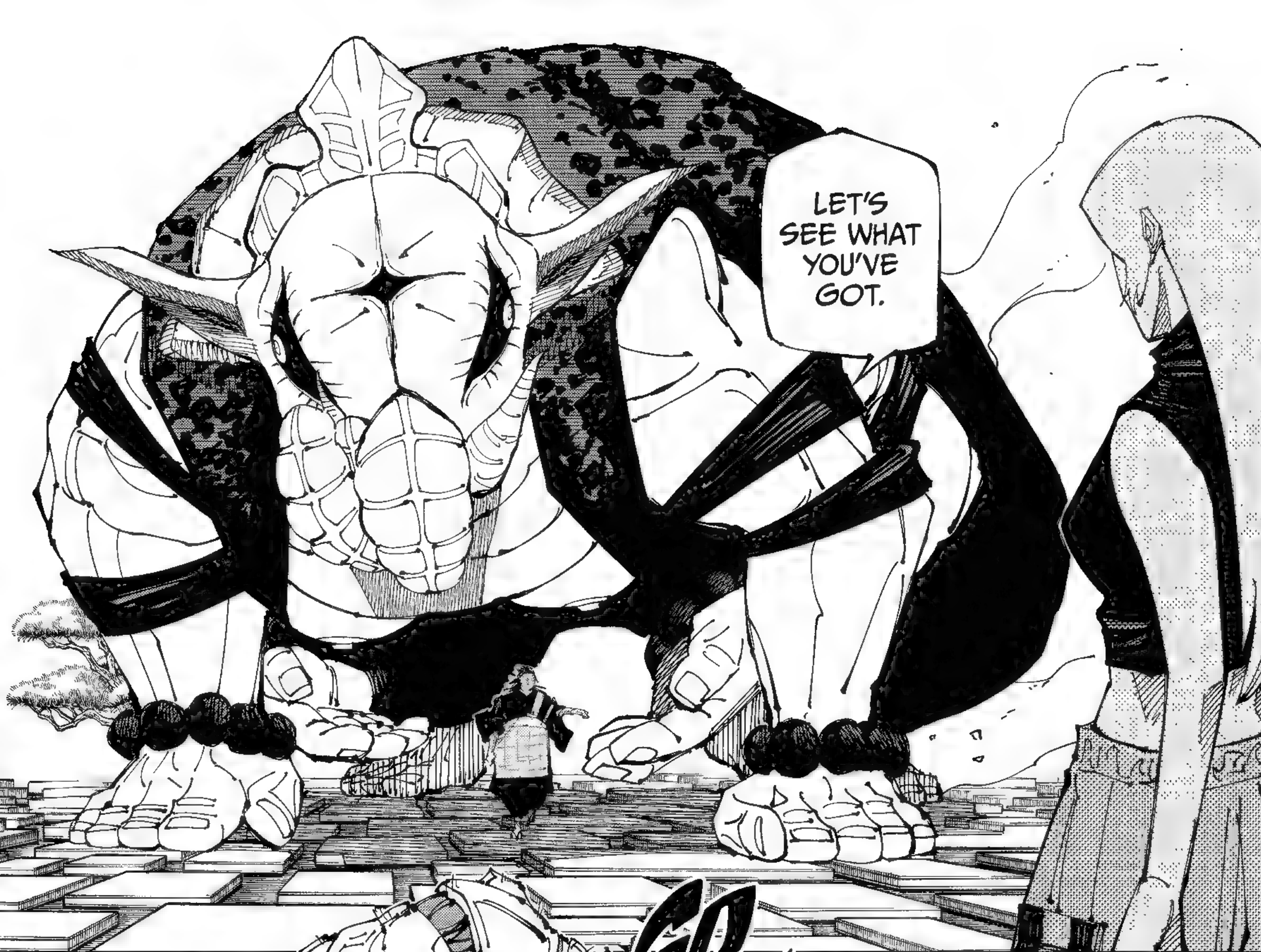


I LIKE THE
ROUGH
TYPE.

YOU,
ON THE
OTHER
HAND...



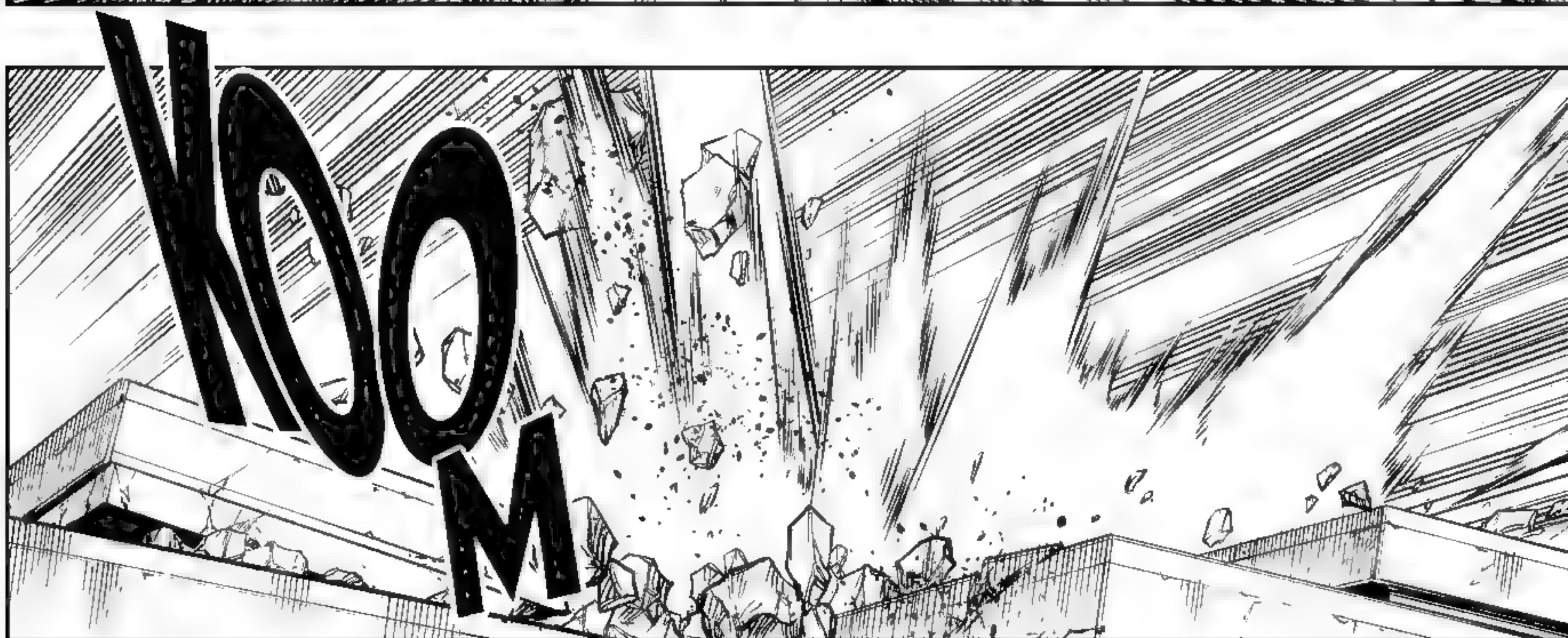
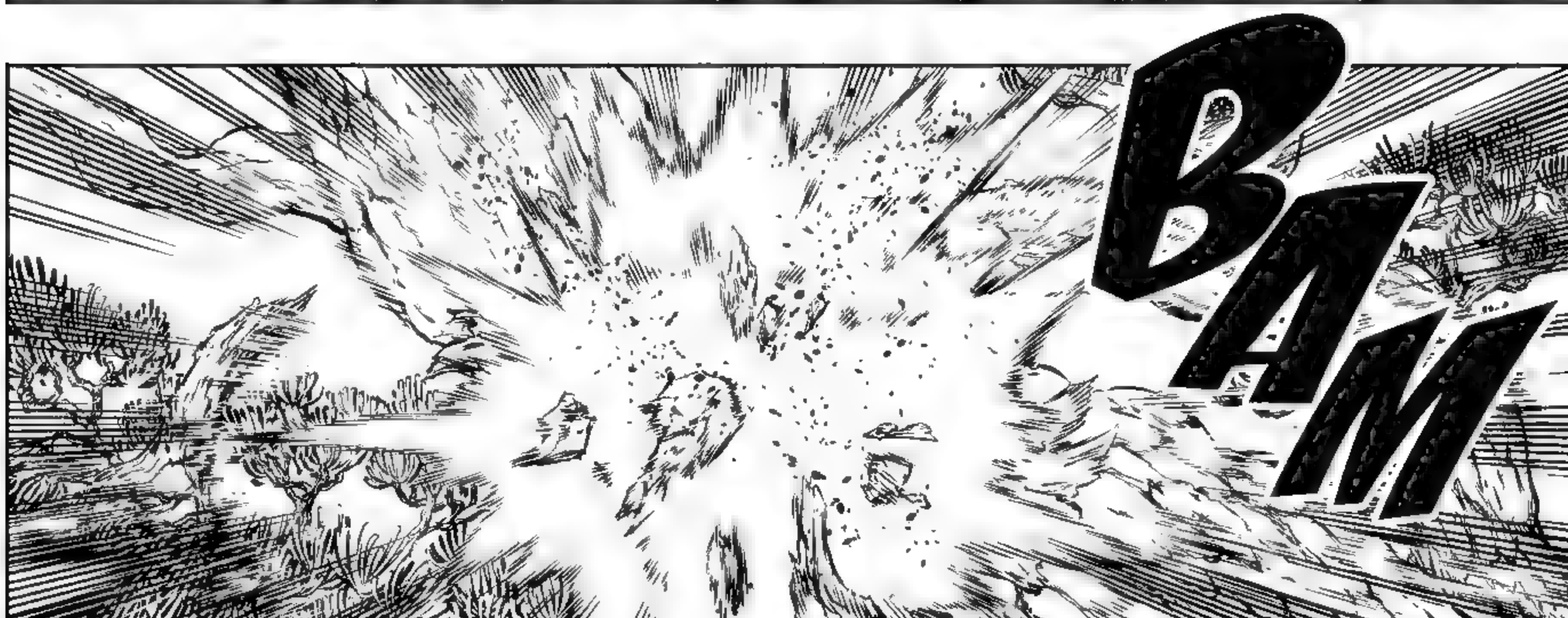




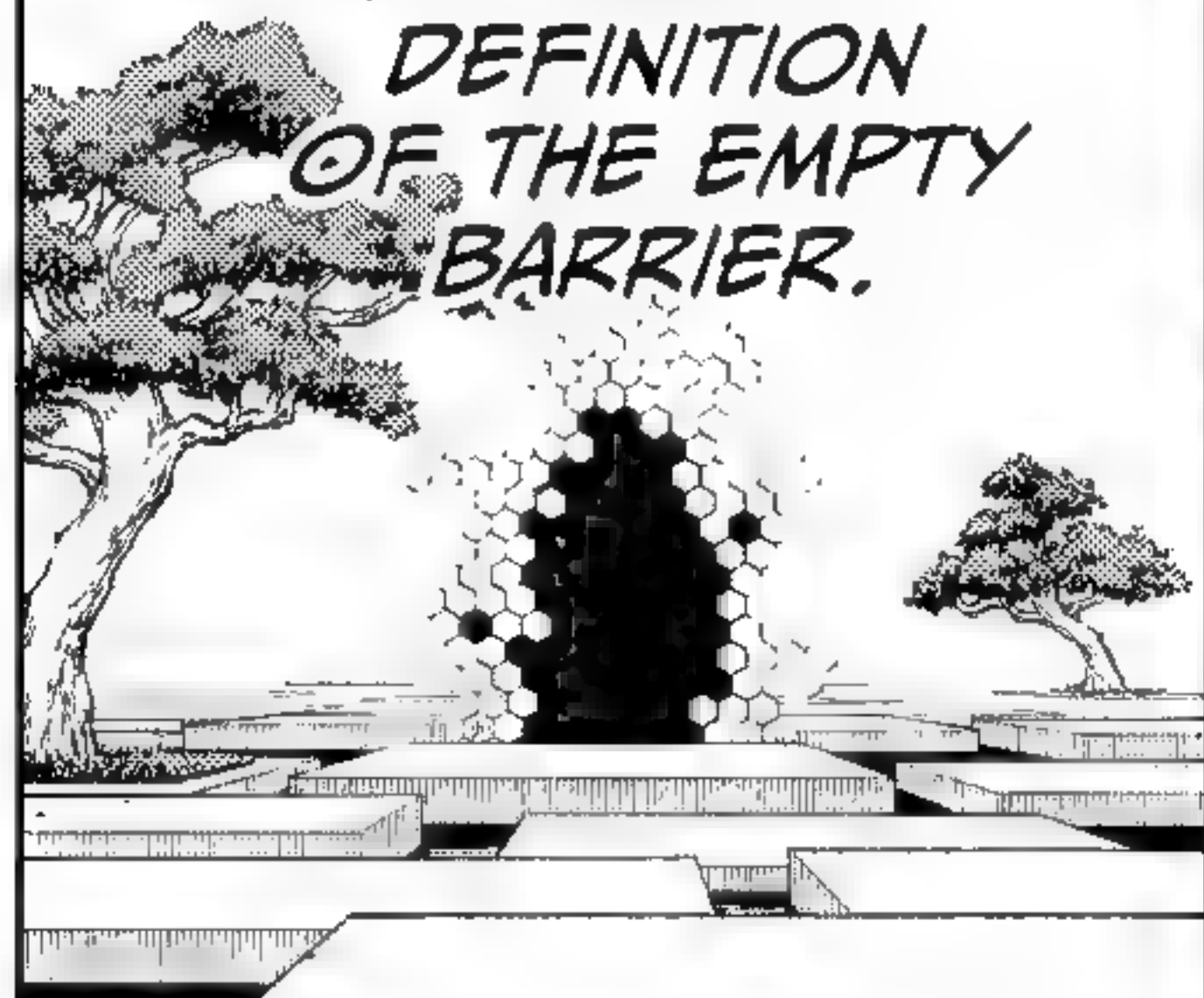









SHE SENT ME
FLYING UNTIL
A BREACH
APPEARED IN
THE CIRCULAR
DEFINITION
OF THE EMPTY
BARRIER.



IT'S A CONCEPT THAT TARGETS A
CURSED TECHNIQUE!! MASS SO
OVERWHELMING IT SURPASSES
ANYTHING INSIDE AND OUTSIDE!!



GIVING
MYSELF
VIRTUAL
MASS. I
CALL
IT...

YEP!!
THAT'S
MY
TECH-
NIQUE!!

...STAR
RAGE!!!

IT'S STAR
RAGE'S
ONLY
TARGET
BESIDES
ME!!

AND MY
TECHNIQUE
TURNED THE
SHIKIGAMI
GARUDA INTO
A CURSED
TOOL!!



...BECAUSE
HER SPEED
ISN'T
DECREASING.

I SUS-
PECT THE
INCREASED
MASS
DOESN'T
AFFECT THE
SORCERER
HERSELF...



BUT CAN
I...

SINCE SHE
DEFIES
CONCEPTS, I
CAN'T USE A
HIGH-GRADE
CURSED
SPIRIT LIKE
IN SHIBUYA.



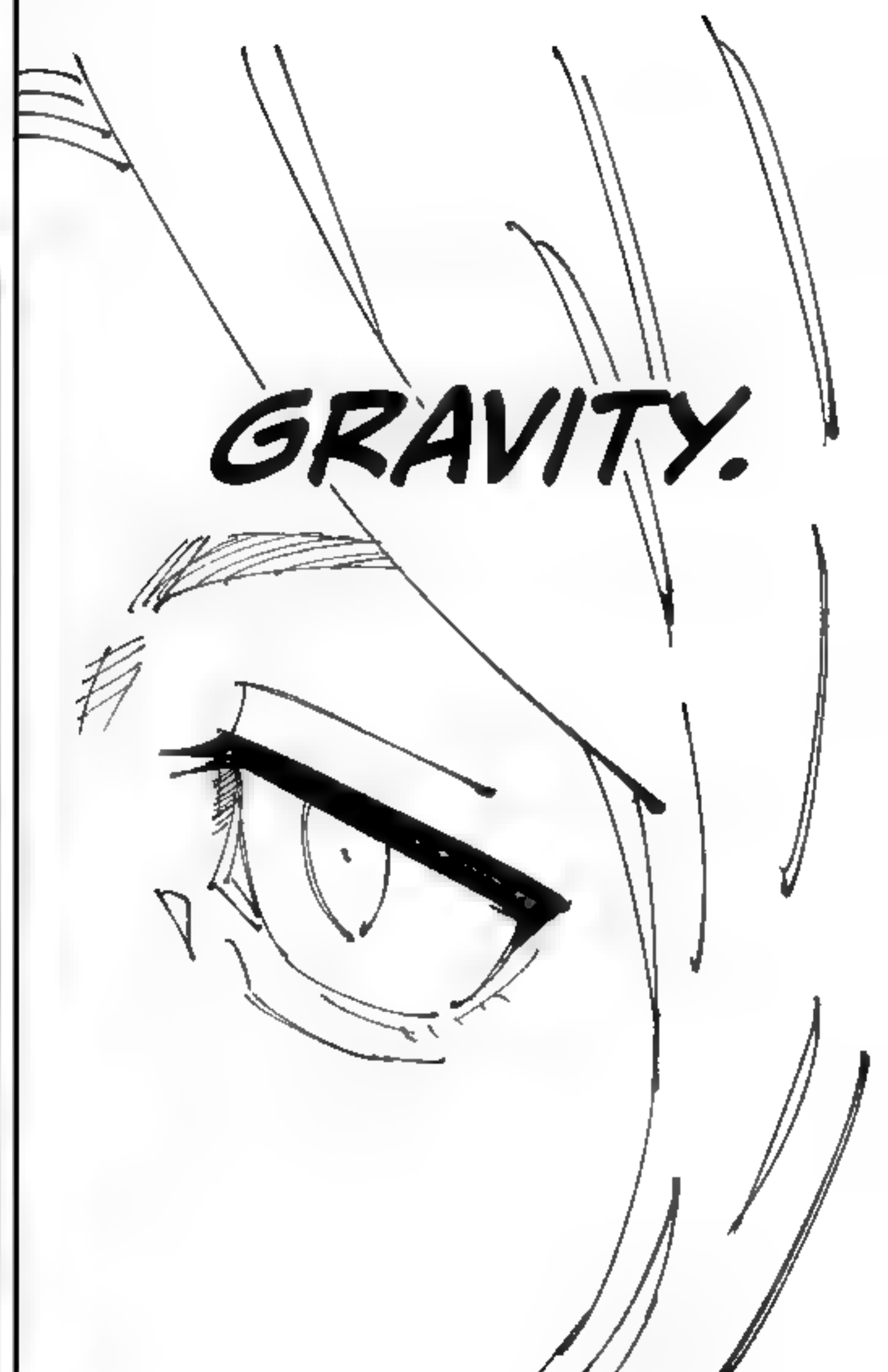
...THIS
BEAST
MYSELF?!

...TAKE
DOWN...



...WAS
GRAVITY.

THAT...



GRAVITY.

HE ISN'T USING IDLE
TRANSFIGURATION,
WHICH I ALREADY
FIGURED OUT, SO HE
CAN ONLY USE A
CURSED TECHNIQUE
EXTRACTED WITH
UZUMAKI ONCE.

LIKE THAT
GRAVITY
TECHNIQUE.

KENJAKU HAS
CURSED TECHNIQUES
ASIDE FROM CURSED
MANIPULATION AND
TECHNIQUES THAT
ALLOW HIM TO
TRANSFER BODIES.

...A
ONE-OFF
TECHNIQUE
AT THAT
MOMENT.

...SO IT'S
HARD TO
IMAGINE
THAT HE
WOULD
HAVE
USED...

KENJAKU
CAN USE
REVERSE
CURSED
TECHNIQUE...

...GRAVITY.

...THAT
INVOLVES...

HE MUST
HAVE A THIRD
CURSED
TECHNIQUE...

BUT HE
MIGHT HAVE
A FOURTH
TECHNIQUE.

WITHOUT AN
EXTERNAL
AID LIKE
OKKOTSU'S,
HIS BRAIN
WOULD
BURST.

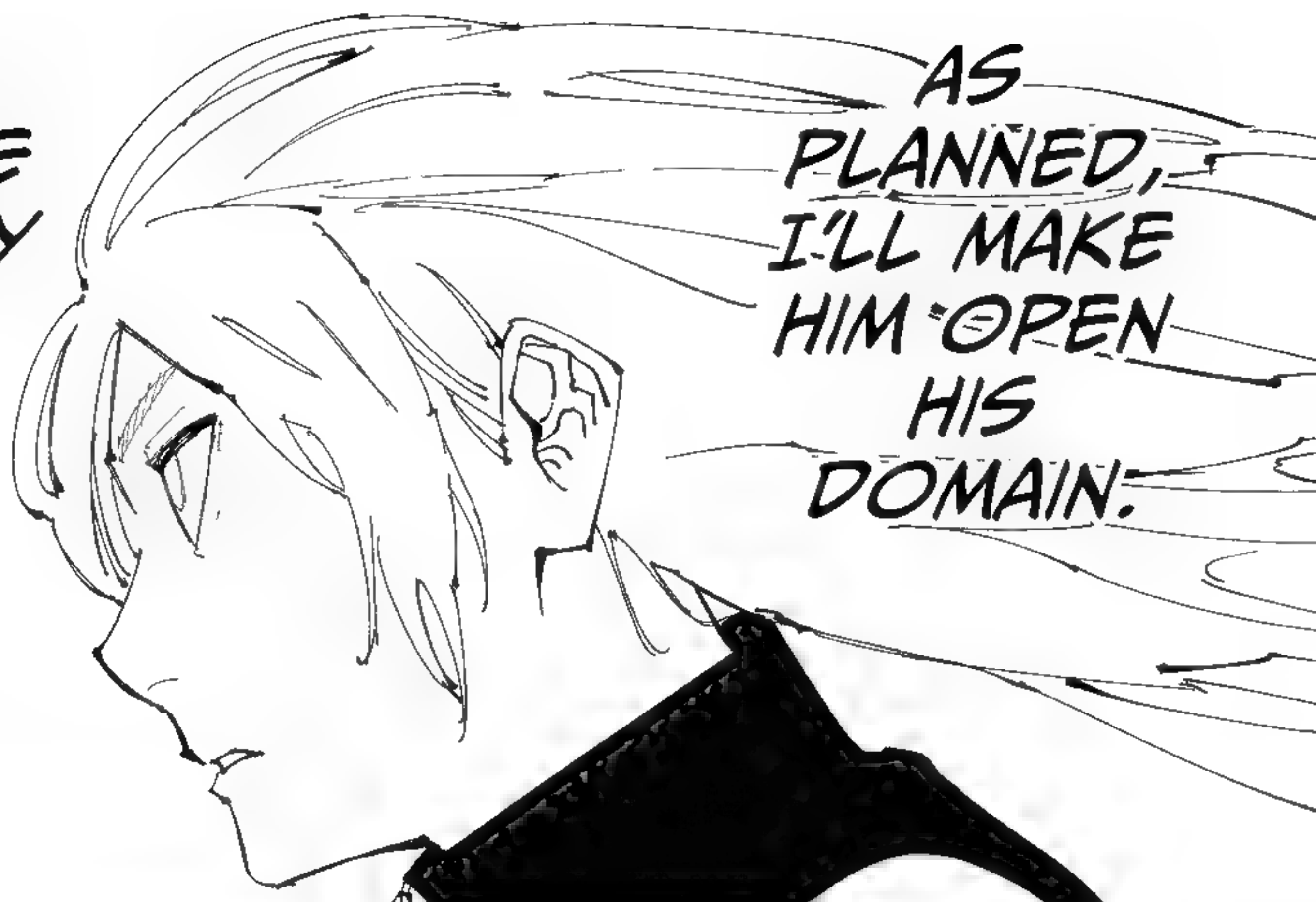
I DOUBT HE
HAS A BIG
STOCK OF
EXTRACTED
TECHNIQUES.

...SHE
PROBABLY HAS
AN EXPANSION
TECHNIQUE WITH
HIGH CURSED-
ENERGY OUTPUT
AS A TRUMP
CARD.

GIVEN
JUJUTSU
HIGH'S
CRITERIA
FOR
SPECIAL
GRADE...

WHAT
A
PAIN!!

THEN
HE'LL HAVE
DIFFICULTY
USING A
CURSED
TECH-
NIQUE.



AS
PLANNED,
I'LL MAKE
HIM OPEN
HIS
DOMAIN.

...I HAVE AN
ADVANTAGE
IN GARUDA.

EVEN IF I
END UP IN
THE SAME
SITUATION...

...TO
WEAKEN
THE
DOMAIN.

...I'LL KEEP
WEARING
DOWN
KENJAKU...

TO MAKE
THIS A
SURE
THING...

NO, NO,
NO...



PERHAPS
YOU LACK
CONFIDENCE
IN A CLASH
OF DOMAINS.



WE FIND
EACH OTHER'S
CURSED
TECHNIQUES TO
BE TRICKY, BUT
YOU HAVEN'T
OPENED YOUR
DOMAIN.

TENGEN
!!

THIS
TIMING!

**DOMAIN
EXPANSION:
WOMB
PROFUSION**

IS
THERE
ENOUGH
TIME?!



...IN THE
LABYRINTH
DIRECTLY
ABOVE.

YOU WILL
CONFRONT
HIM IN A
ROOM...

Jujutsu
High

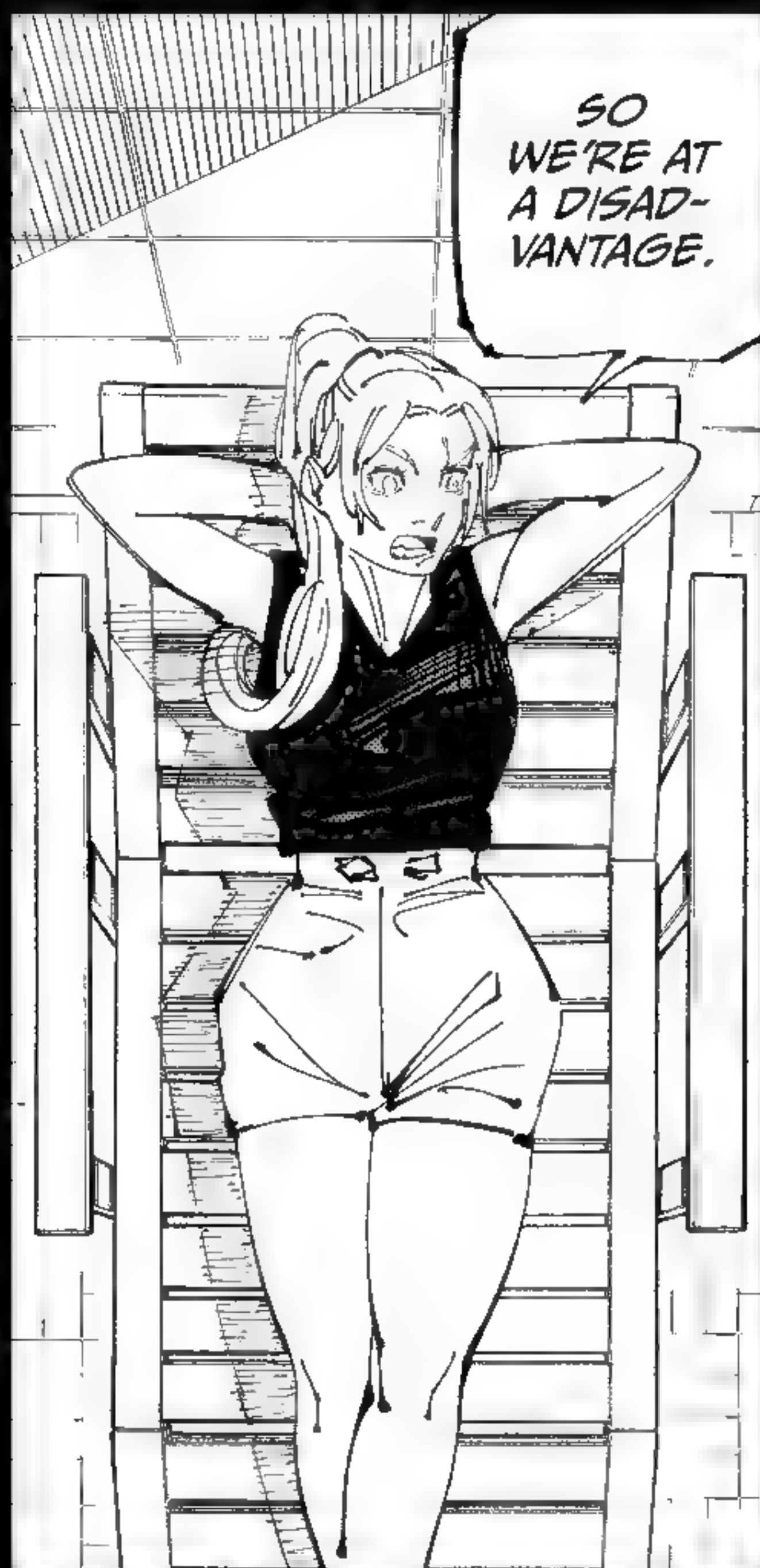
Cursed
Warehouse

Star
Corridor

DISPEL
KENJAKU'S
DOMAIN?

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STARS AND OIL,
PART 2

HIS TARGET
IS MY MAIN
BODY IN
THE STAR
CORRIDOR.



SO
WE'RE AT
A DISAD-
VANTAGE.



A SORCERER
SKILLED IN
BARRIERS CAN
ALTER ITS
STRUCTURE.

EACH
ROOM IS
AN EMPTY
BARRIER.



...WILL HAVE
COMMAND
OF THE
SETTING.

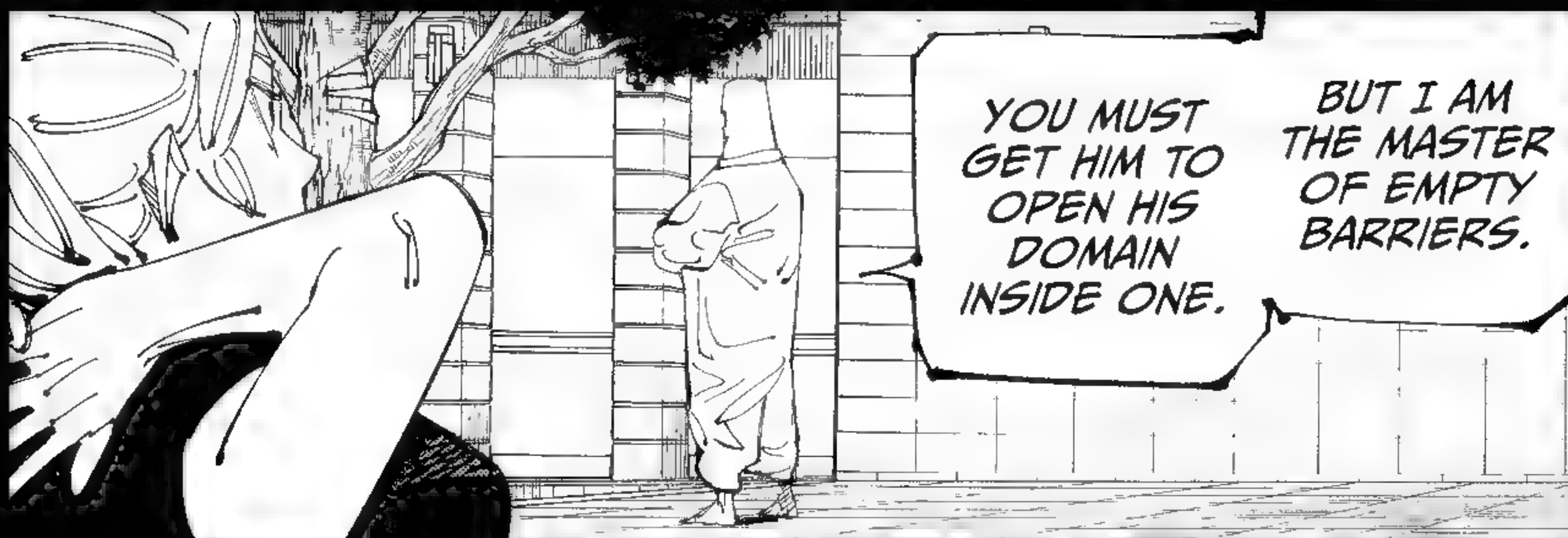
A
POWERFUL
SORCERER
LIKE
KENJAKU...



...SO HE
WILL FEEL
COMFORT-
ABLE...

...AND STAY
INSIDE THE
BARRIER.

THAT'S
WHAT WE
WANT HIM
TO THINK...

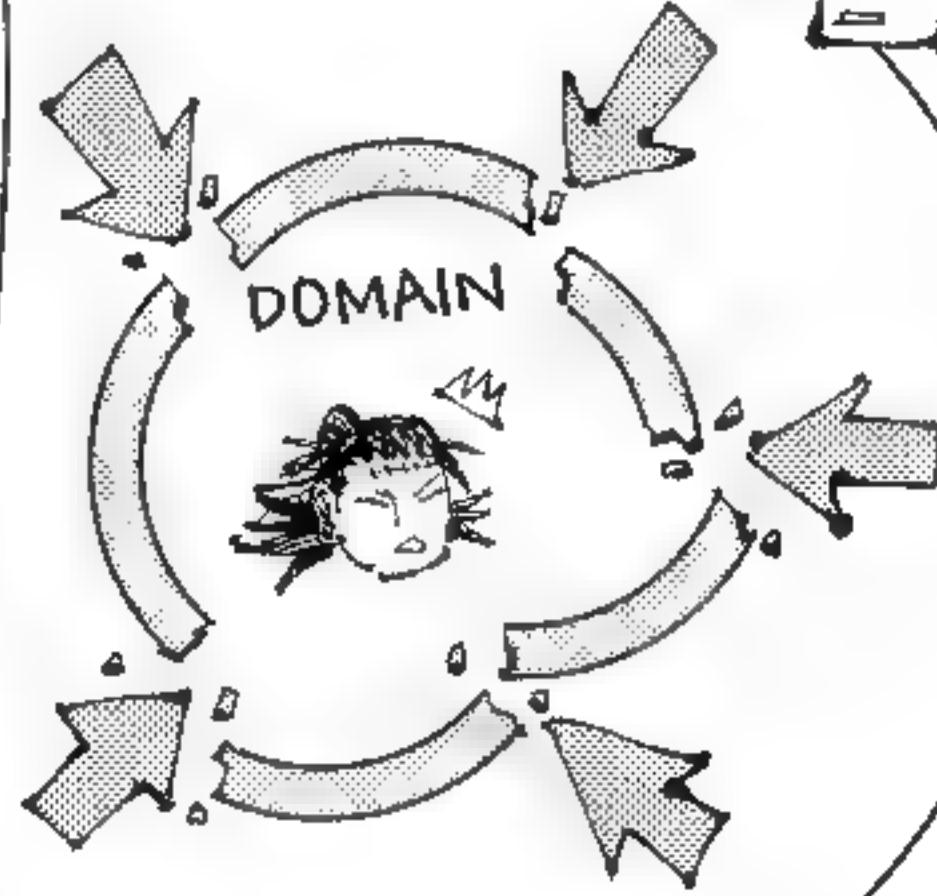


YOU MUST
GET HIM TO
OPEN HIS
DOMAIN
INSIDE ONE.

BUT I AM
THE MASTER
OF EMPTY
BARRIERS.

...AND
ADJUST THE
BARRIER TO
COUNTERACT
ITS VECTOR
PARAMETERS.

I CAN
ANALYZE
KENJAKU'S
DOMAIN...



EMPTY BARRIER

I WILL
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENS
INSIDE THE
BARRIER.

YES.

I DON'T GET
IT, BUT THE
UPSHOT IS YOU'LL
NEUTRALIZE HIS
DOMAIN, RIGHT?

TEN.

IN HOW
MANY
SECONDS?

NO,
WAIT.

...

INSTEAD, I'LL USE
SIMPLE DOMAIN,
WHICH DOESN'T BURN
THROUGH CURSED
TECHNIQUES, IN A
DOMAIN CLASH
AGAINST
KENJAKU.

SO I
CAN'T USE
MY DOMAIN
DURING THAT
TIME.

EVEN IF
MY CURSED
TECHNIQUES
BURN OUT, WE
STILL HAVE
CHOSO AND
GARUDA.

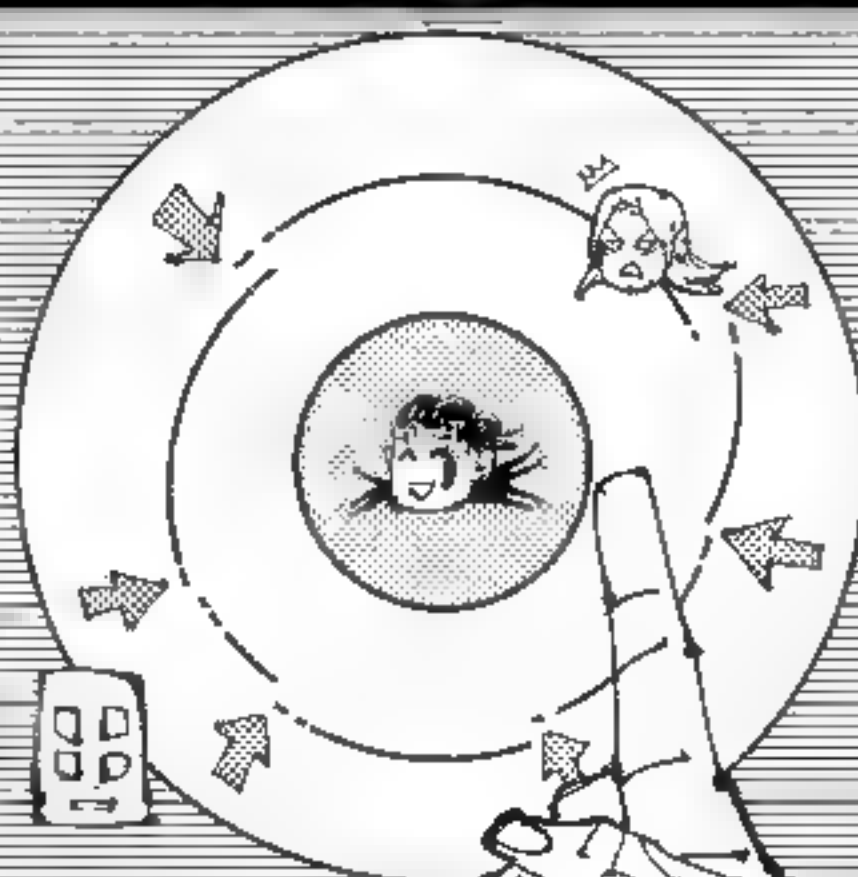


IF I OPEN
MY DOMAIN,
KENJAKU WILL
HAVE TO
OPEN HIS.

WOULDN'T
THAT BE
FASTER?

...AND
YOURS
WOULD
DISAPPEAR
BEFORE
HIS.

THEN THE
DOMAIN'S
OUTER LAYER
WOULD BE
YOUR
DOMAIN...



NO.

DO I
REALLY
LOOK
THAT
WEAK?

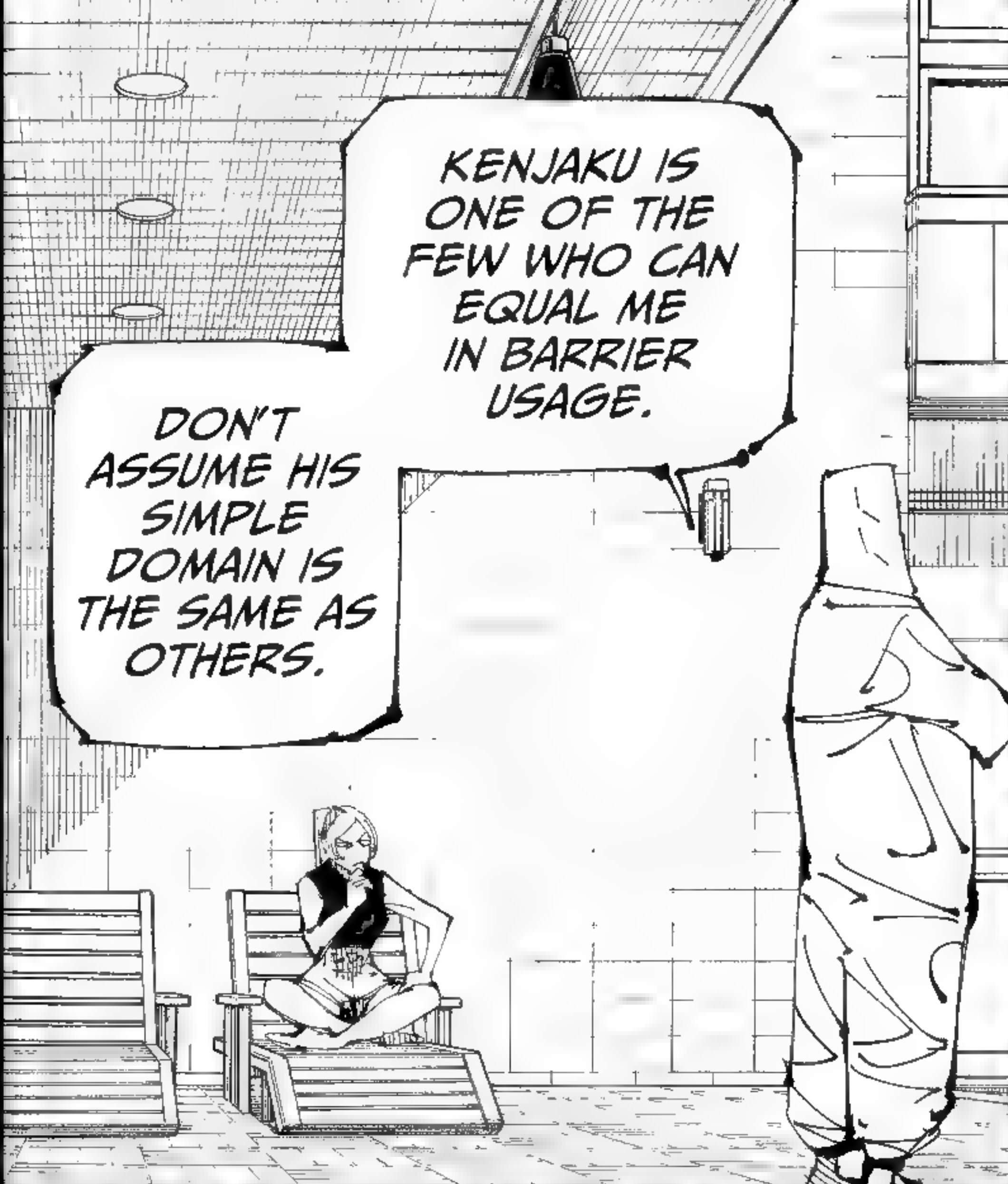
BUT
THAT ONLY
BUYS YOU
TIME
AGAINST
A REAL
DOMAIN.

BESIDES,
KENJAKU MAY
RESIST YOUR
DOMAIN WITH
SIMPLE DOMAIN
OR HOLLOW
WICKER BASKET,
WHICH RETAIN
CURSED
TECHNIQUES.



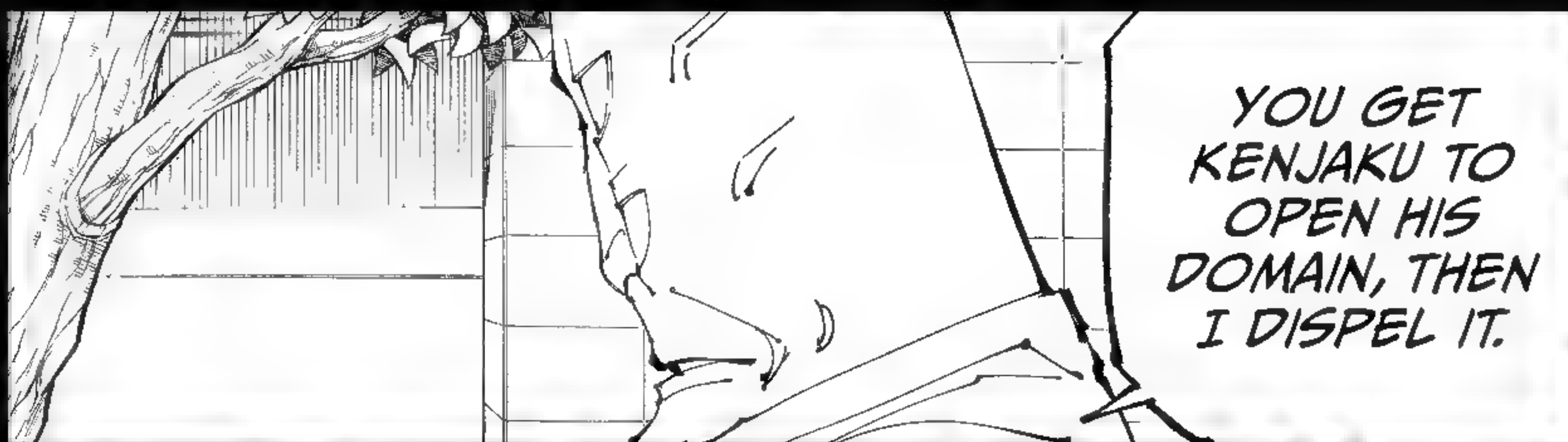
WHICH
MEANS...

...



DON'T
ASSUME HIS
SIMPLE
DOMAIN IS
THE SAME AS
OTHERS.

KENJAKU IS
ONE OF THE
FEW WHO CAN
EQUAL ME
IN BARRIER
USAGE.



YOU GET
KENJAKU TO
OPEN HIS
DOMAIN, THEN
I DISPEL IT.

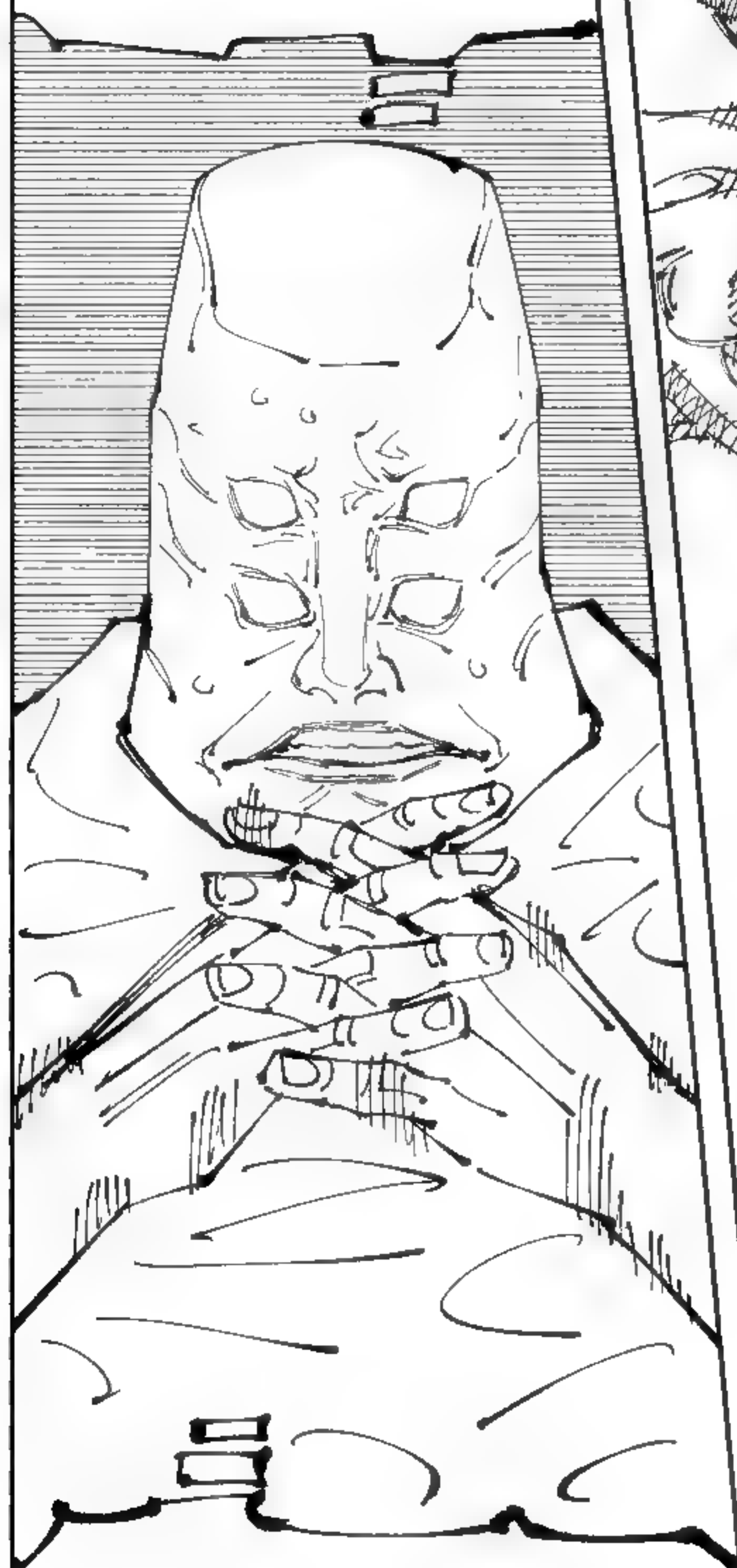


AND AFTER
KENJAKU HAS
BURNT THROUGH
HIS CURSED
TECHNIQUES, I
BEAT HIS ASS.

THEY MISCALCULATED.

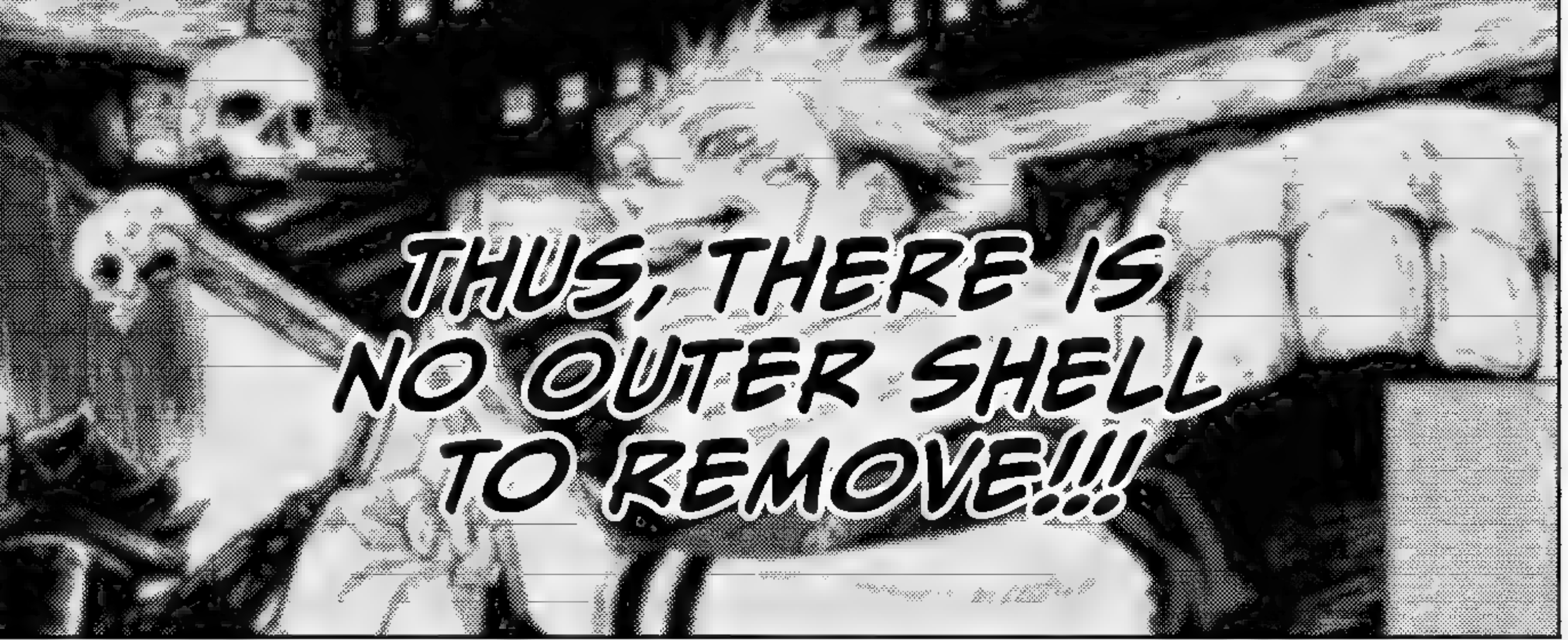
SUKUNA
DEMON-
STRATED
THIS DOMAIN
IN SHIBUYA.

DOMAIN EXPANSION: WOMB PROFUSION



IT IS AN AMAZING
FEAT IN WHICH HE
OPENS HIS DOMAIN
AND ACTIVATES
A TECHNIQUE
WITHOUT CLOSING
THE BARRIER!!







HURRY,
TENGEN!!!



AN OLD
MANEUVER
FROM A
SHUT-IN.

AH, I
SEE.



...AND WILL
ERASE IT
ALONG WITH
MY EMPTY
BARRIER!

FWP
FWP
FWP

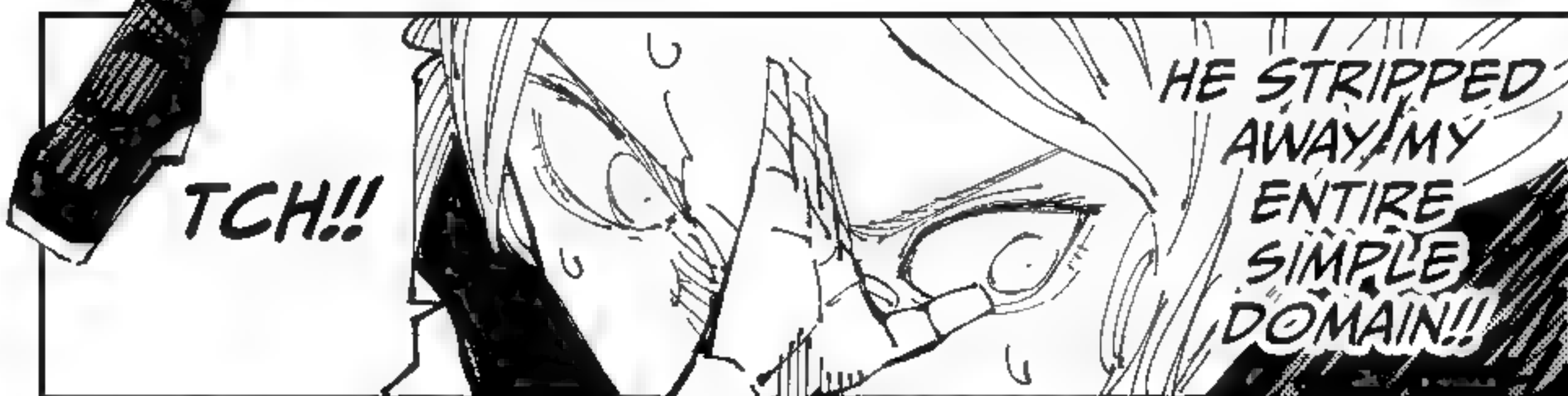
I'M ASSUMING
THAT THE EDGE
OF THE GUARAN-
TEED HIT'S AREA
IS THE OUTER
SHELL...



TENGEN,
I AM NOT
LIKE YOU.



I HAVE
LIVED.



A CURSED
WORLD!!!

A THOUSAND
YEARS!! OF
CONFLICTS!!
AND
ALLIANCES!!





KR
K

KR
S
H
H

STUB-
BORN
OLD
FOOL.

YOU
DISPELLED
MY DOMAIN
AS WELL AS
THE EMPTY
BARRIER?







...MAY NOT
HAVE LED TO
SUCH A POOR
CONCLUSION.

A FIGHT
WITH YOUR
OWN
DOMAIN...

FWAP

SPLASH
SPLASH

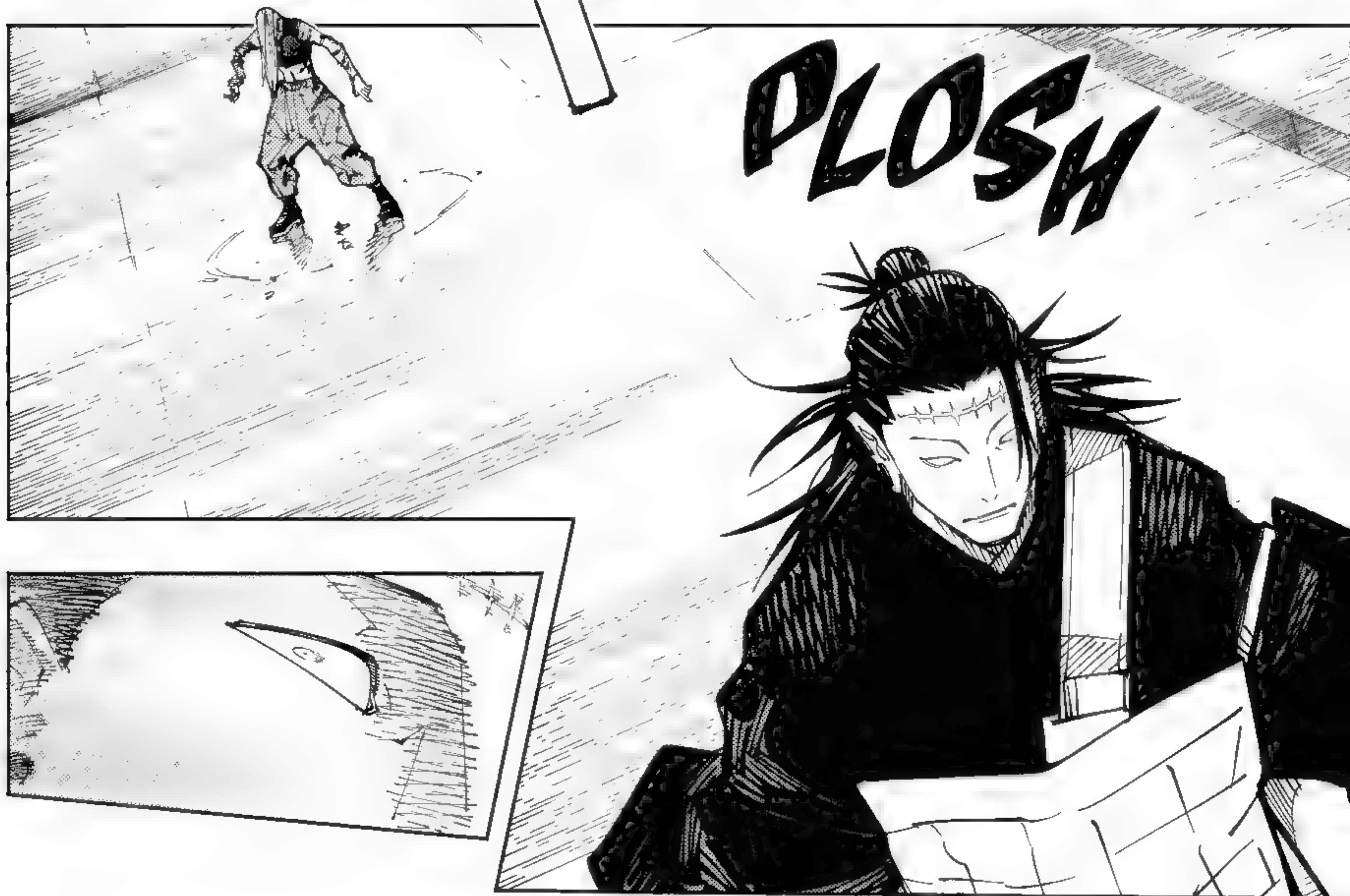


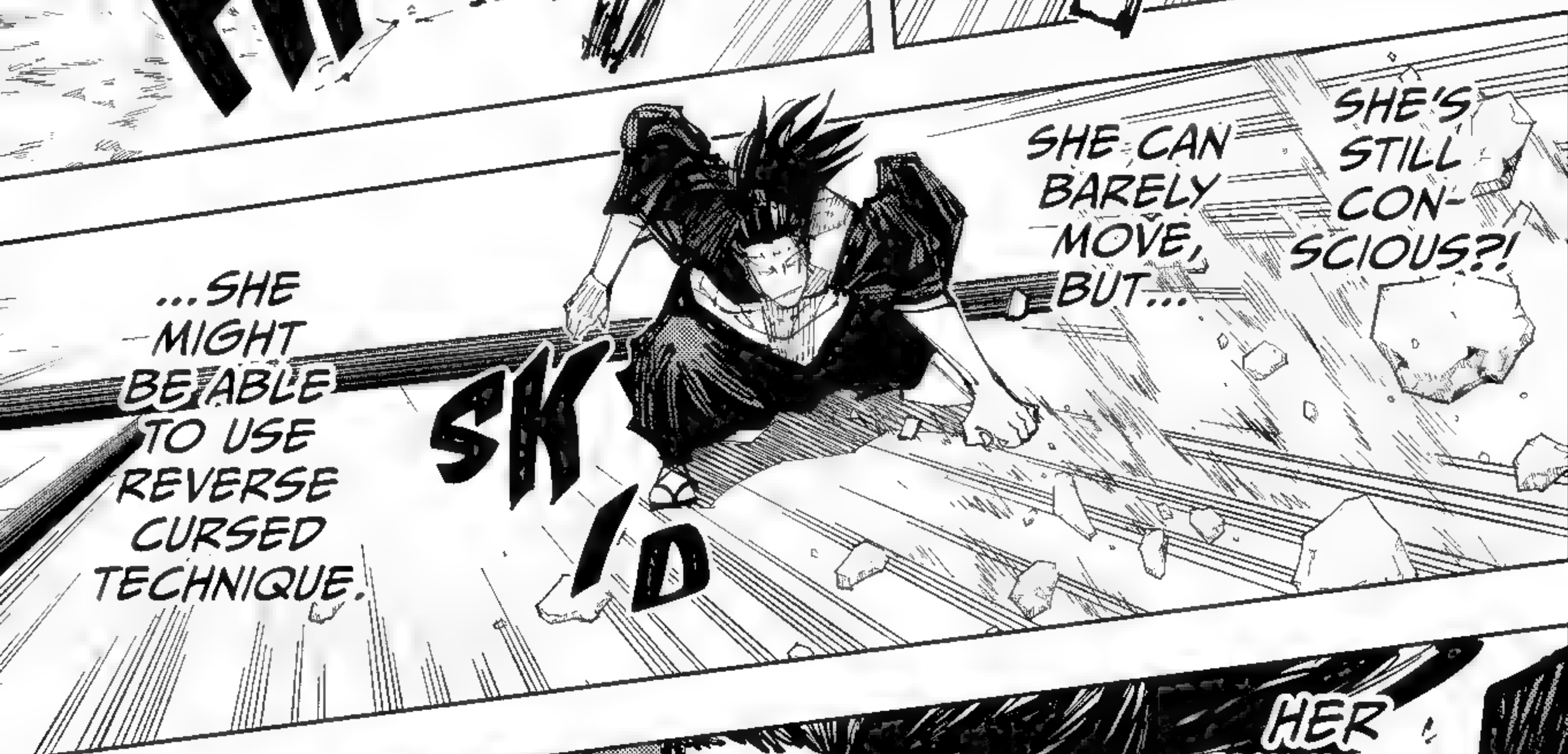
TENGEN
HAS HIDDEN
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT
FROM YOU.

YOU
SHOULDN'T
HAVE RELIED
ON HIM.



THE
CULLING
GAME'S—





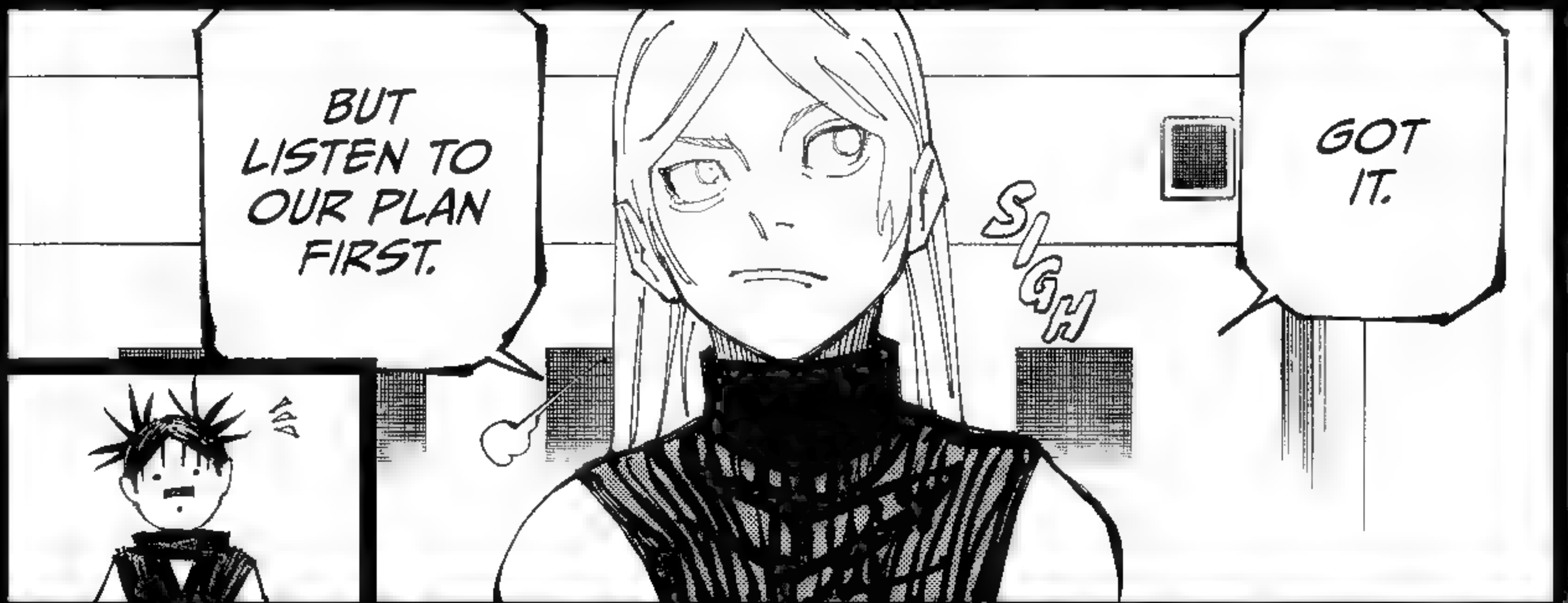
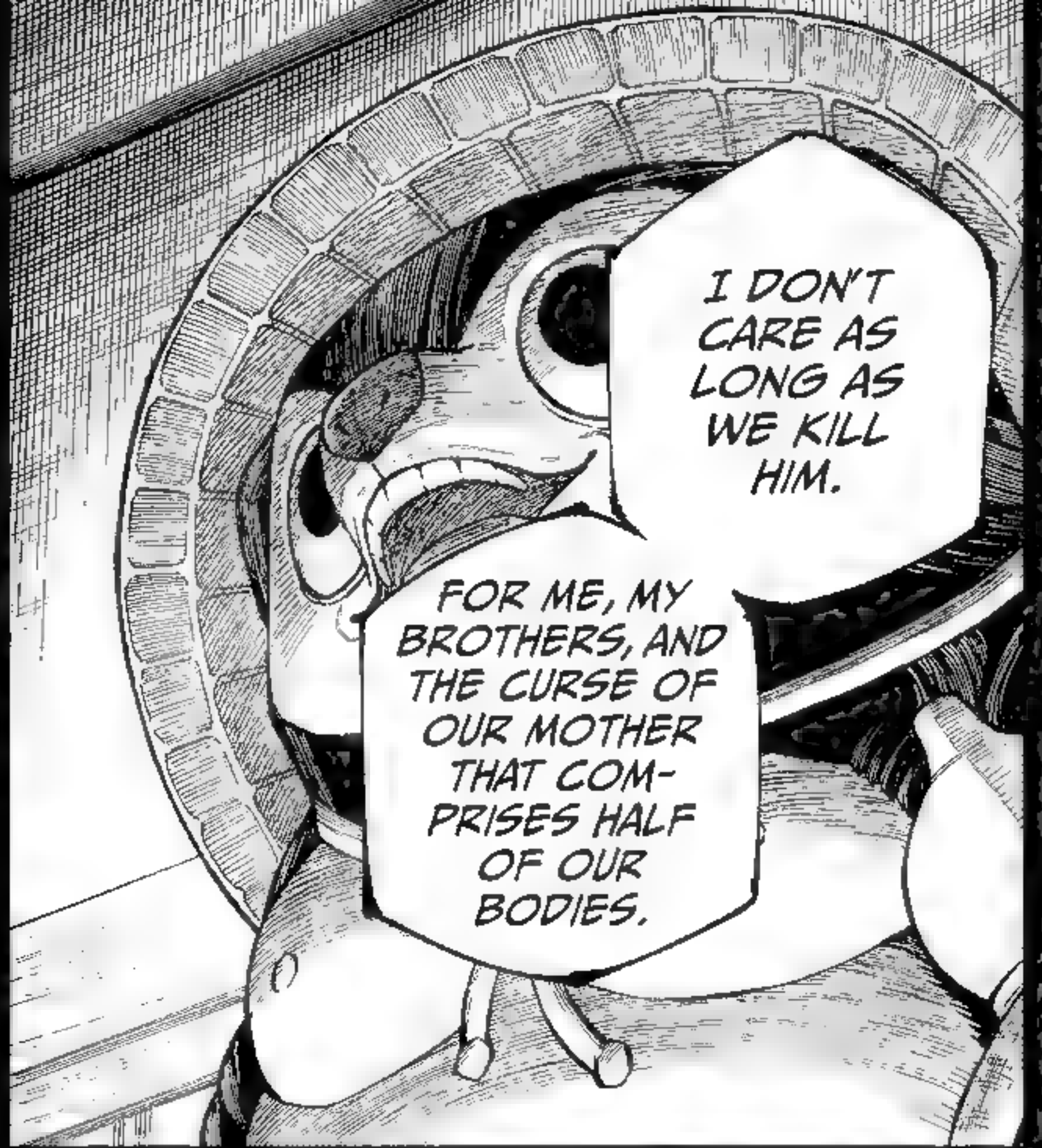












CHAPTER 207: STARS AND OIL, PART 3



I KNOW
YOU TWO
WANT TO
EXPLOIT
THAT, BUT...

SO THERE'S
A RISK THAT
YOUR CURSED
TECHNIQUES
WILL BE HARD
TO USE FOR
A WHILE.

...BUT
THEY BURN
OUT
CURSED
TECH-
NIQUES.

DOMAINS
ARE
POWER-
FUL...

...IF HE
EXPECTS
ME TO
LEAP IN.

HM...

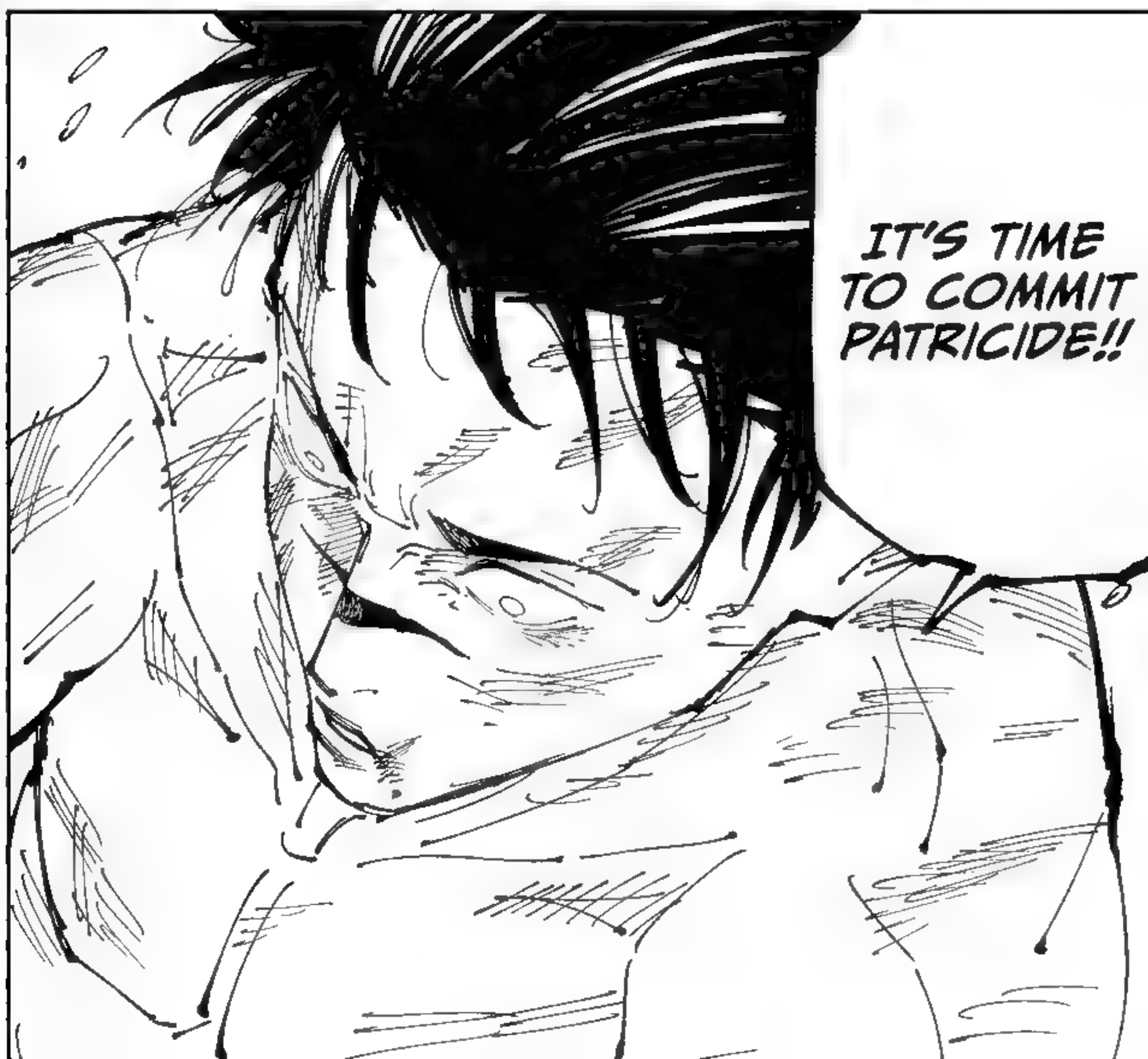
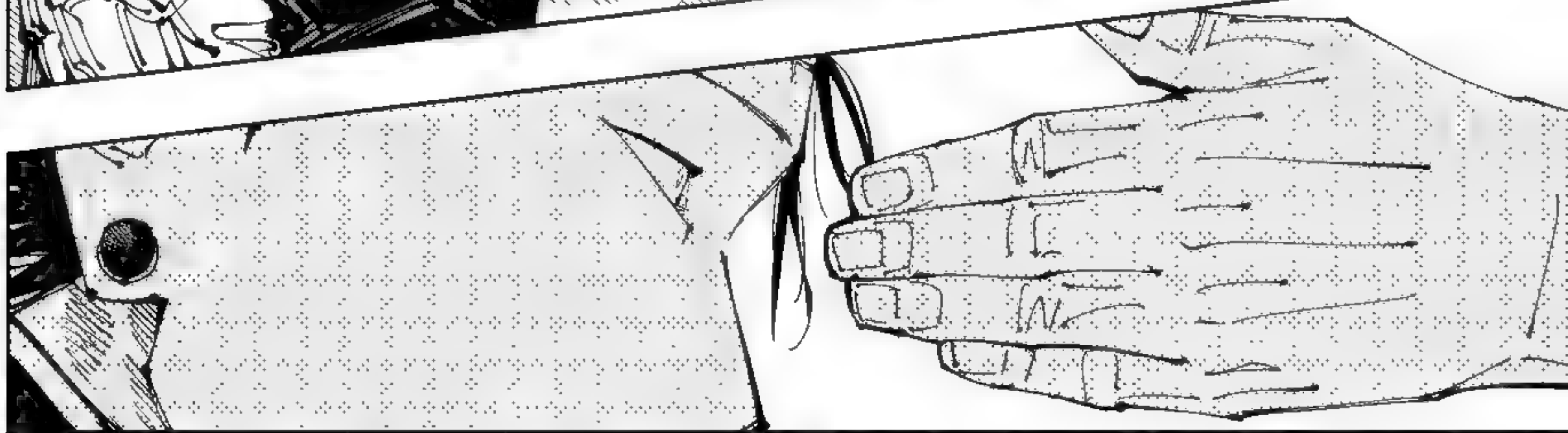
...HE WON'T
OPEN HIS
DOMAIN
...

...IS
ONLY
AGAINST
YOU,
TSUKUMO.

...IT'LL
CONVINCE
HIM THAT
THE FIGHT
...

EVEN IF HE
BEATS ME
ONCE...





**IT'S TIME
TO COMMIT
PATRICIDE!!**

**YOUNGER
BROTHERS...**

**...ARE YOU
WATCHING?**





FREAKY
MOVE,
FALLEN
SAMURAI
!!

①
LIKE SLIPPING
PUNCHES IN
BOXING, HE
SPUN HIS
HEAD TO
DEFLECT THE
PIERCING
BLOOD!!

②

BUT...

OK

...YOU
MUST
BE IN
TROUBLE,
RIGHT?!

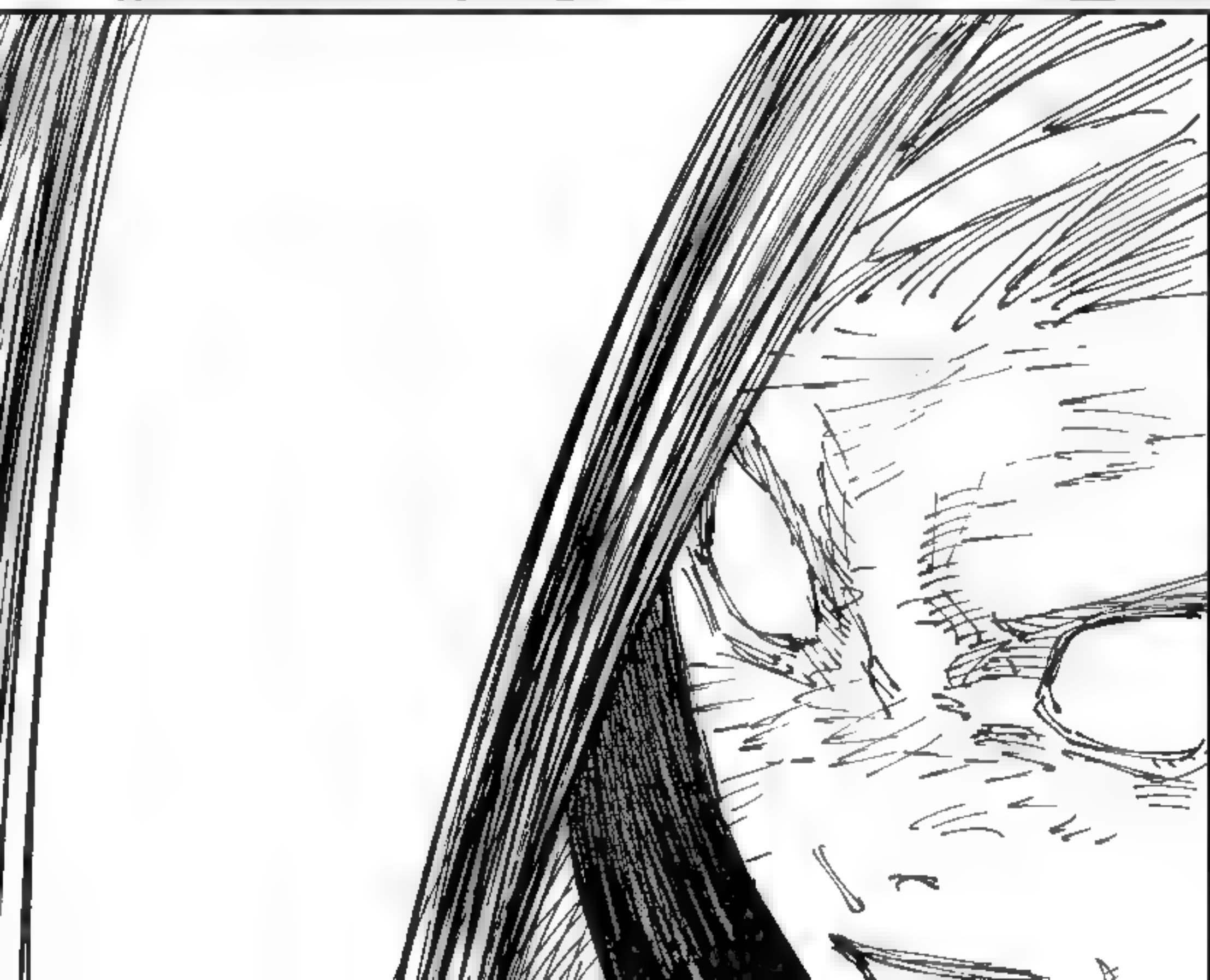
IF YOU'RE
REVEALING
A STUNT
LIKE
THAT...

...DAMAGE
HAD ALREADY
WEAKENED
STAR RAGE.
OTHERWISE,
HE'D HAVE
BEEN TOAST.

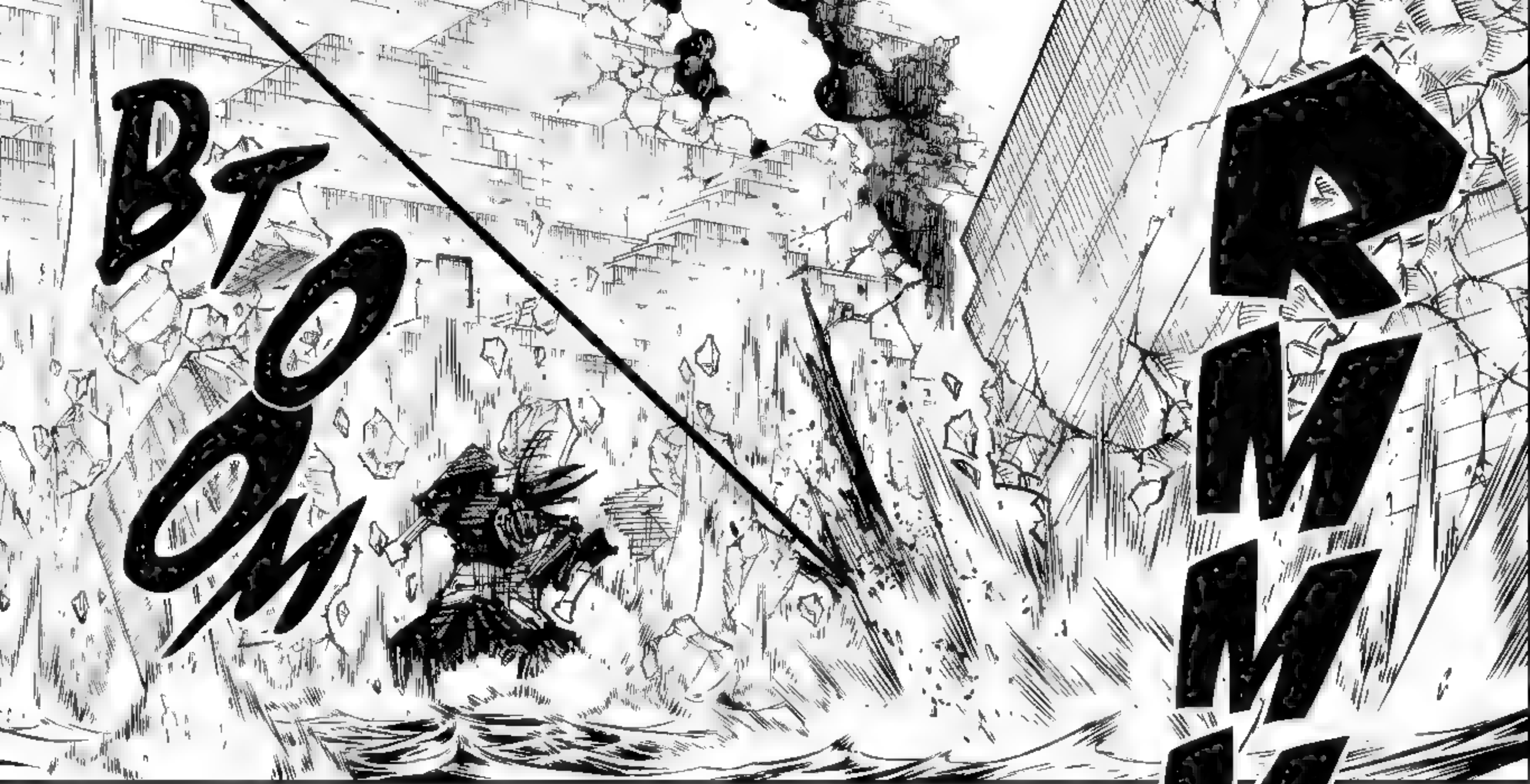
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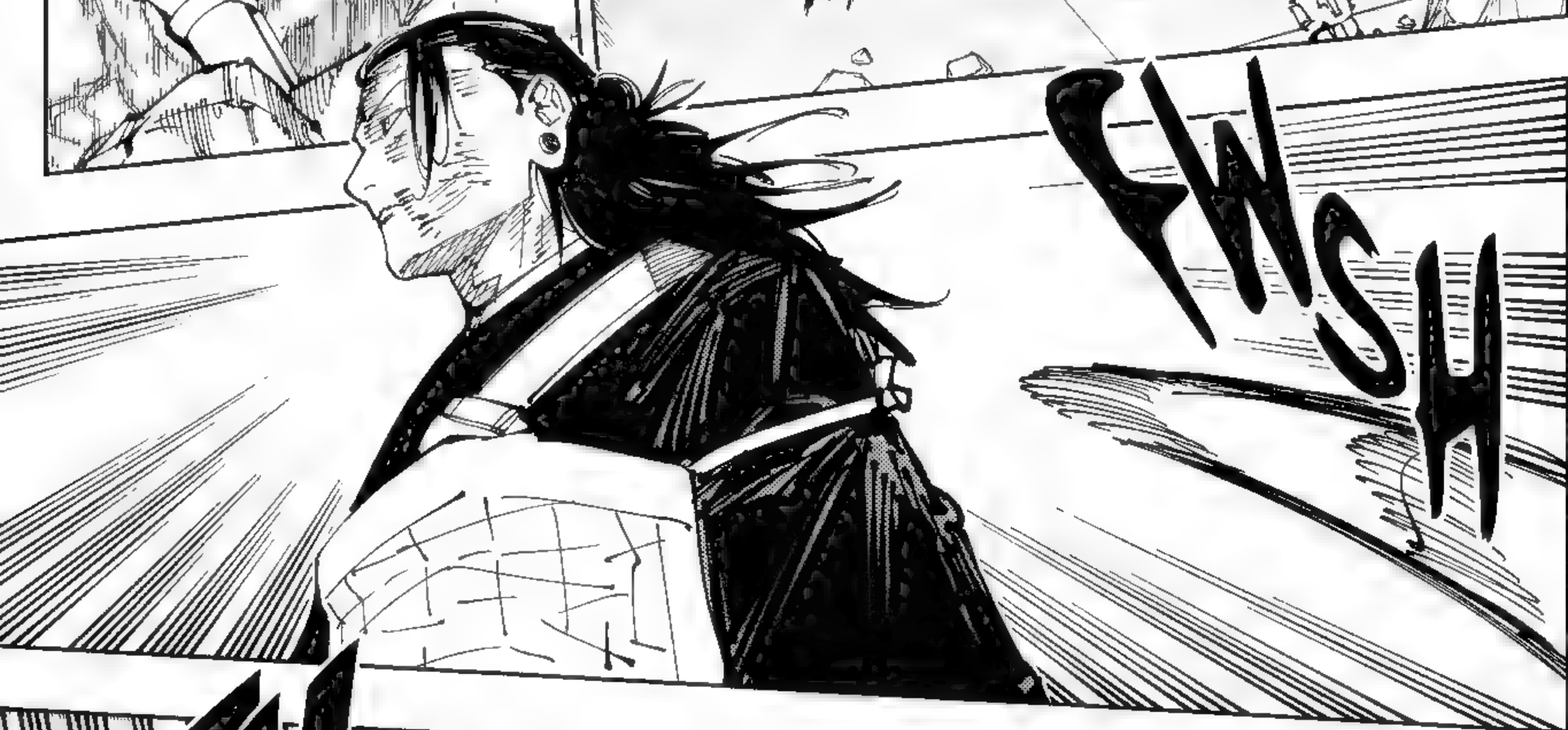












...AND
LASTS
FOR SIX
SECONDS!!

THAT
CURSED
TECHNIQUE
HAS A
RADIUS
OF TWO
TO THREE
METERS
FROM THE
SORCERER...

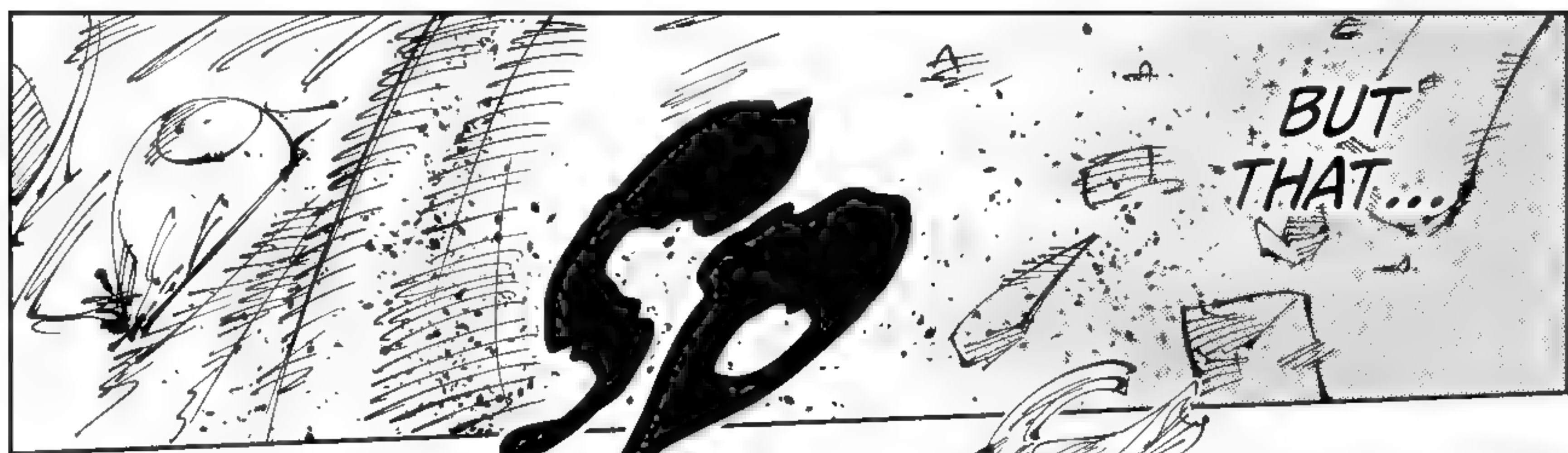
SIX
SECONDS!

FWSH

AND
IN THAT
INTERVAL...

VW

VWOO





**I'M
GONNA
WIN!!!**

GIVEN THE
EFFECTIVE
RANGE, I CAN
ESCAPE EVEN
AT CLOSE
RANGE.

GRAVITY
ISN'T AS
UNYIELDING
AS I FIRST
THOUGHT!!

...AND
FIGHTING
BIG
BROTHER
TIRED
HIM OUT
PHYSICALLY!!

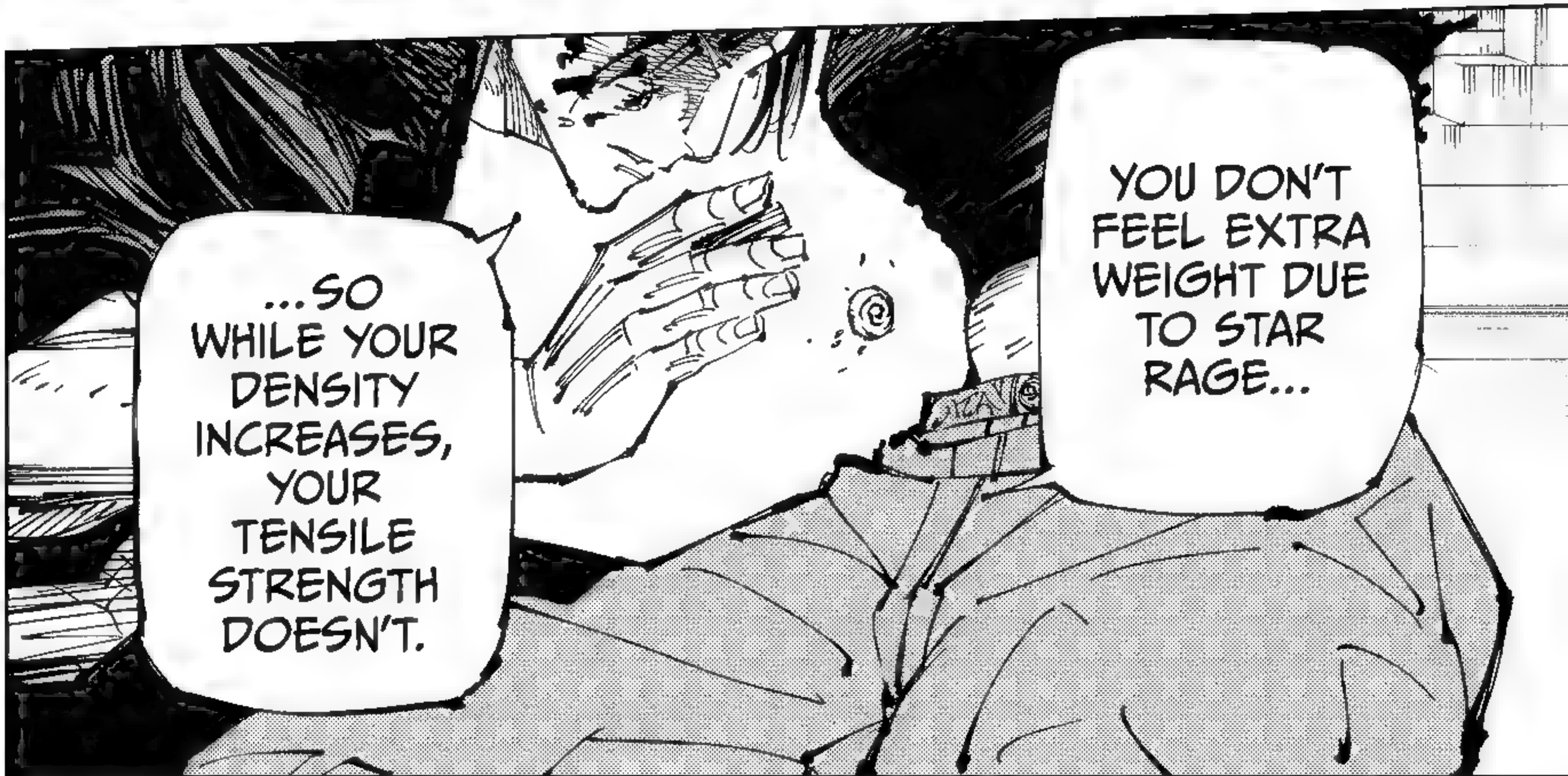
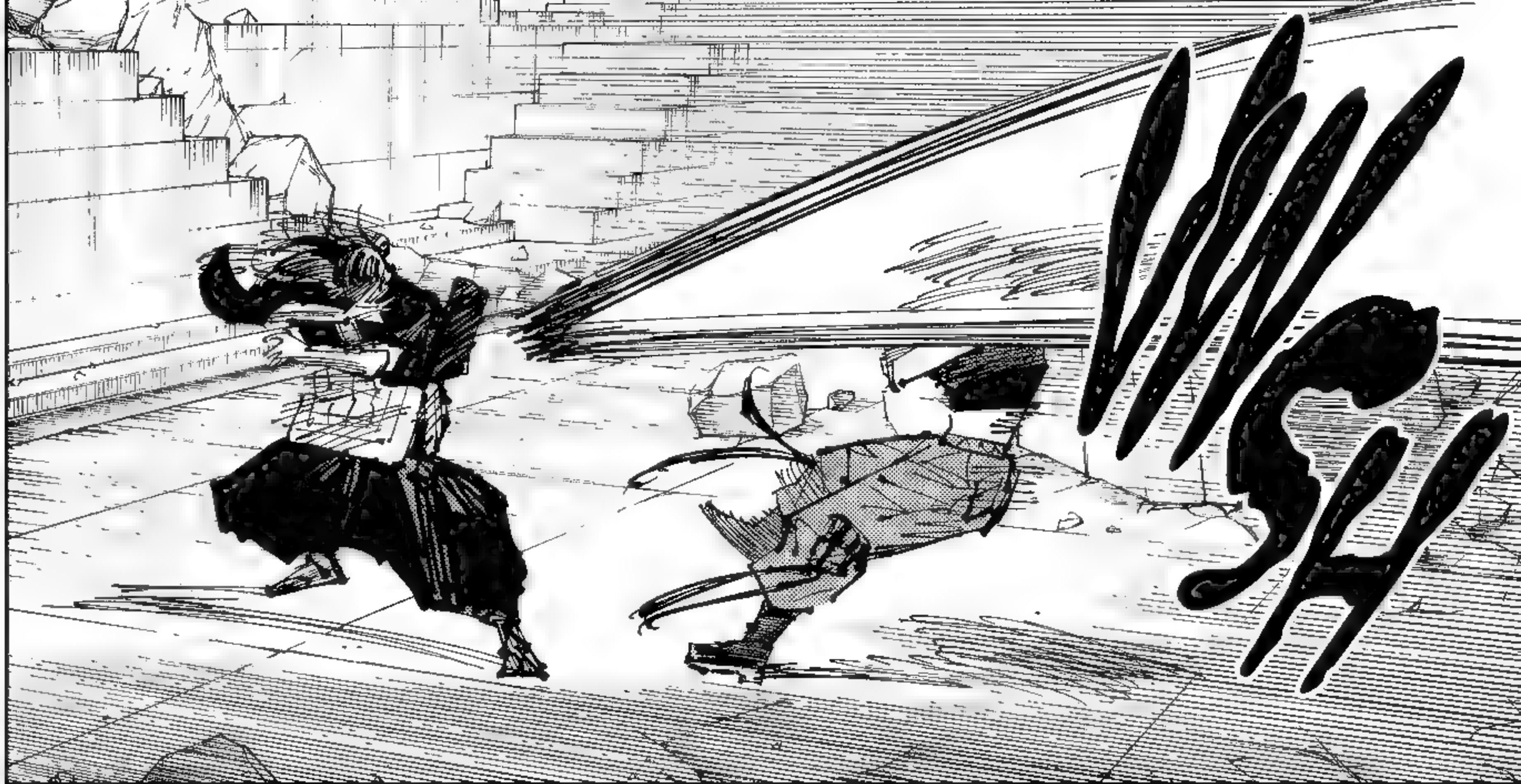
REVERSE
CURSED
TECHNIQUE AND
THE DOMAIN
WORE AWAY
HIS CURSED
ENERGY...



**YOU
WON'T
GET A
SECOND
CHANGE!!**

**ATTACK
NOW!!**









Eso

KECHIZU



**TSU-
KUMO
!!!**

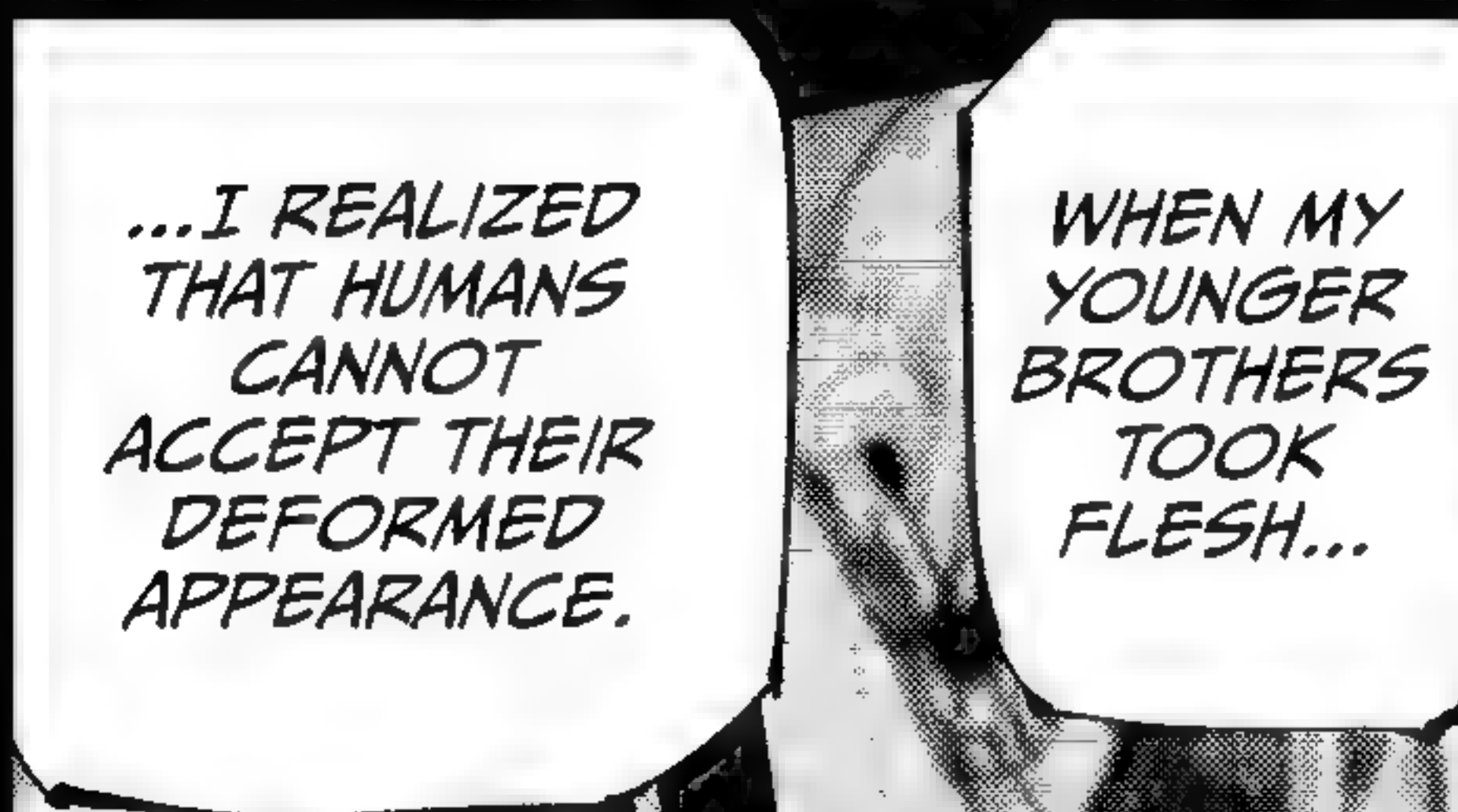
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STARS AND OIL,
PART 4**

**IT WAS TO
DISTRACT
ME FROM
THE SMALL
UZUMAKI...**

**HE WASN'T
BIDING
TIME FOR
A GRAVITY
TECHNIQUE.**



**...LEAVING
ME NO
TIME FOR
REGEN-
ERATION!!**





AND
NOT JUST
HUMANS.

THAT'S
WHY I
KILLED
SO MANY
IN SHIBUYA.

SO I
CHOSE TO
LIVE AS A
CURSE.




...KECHIZU
AND ESO.

I WAS
THE ONE
WHO
KILLED...



WHY...
DID I...

WHY?
WHY
AT THAT
TIME...



IF I HAD
CHOSEN TO
LIVE AS A
HUMAN...



...IT
WOULDN'T
HAVE
COME
TO THAT.



...
**CHOOSE
THE EASY
PATH?**



**...SUFFER
AS HUMAN
BEINGS.**

**I DIDN'T
WANT TO
SEE THE
TWO OF
THEM...**



**...WHO WAS
SUFFERING
AS A HUMAN,
SHOWED UP.**

**AND
THEN
YUJI...**



**BUT
THEY
WEREN'T
THAT
WEAK.**



THE
FOUR OF
US WERE
FATED TO
FIGHT
TOGETHER!

...AND
LEFT
YUJI ALL
ALONE.



BUT I
TOOK IT
EASY...

I CAN NO
LONGER
LIVE
ALONG-
SIDE HIM.

I KILLED
HUMANS
FOR NO
GOOD
REASON.

BUT
IT'S
NO
USE.

IF YOU DIE
NOW, HE'LL
BE ALONE
AGAIN.

...
YOU'RE
TOO
KIND.

TSU-
KUMO
...

RUB
RUB

...FOR
ME TO
USE MY
LIFE.

THIS IS
THE ONLY
WAY...

GW
SH

RIGHT
HERE
!!!

NORI-
TOSHI
KAMO
!!!







JUST
LOOK AT
YOU.

IS THIS
WHAT YOU
WANTED?



WHY
DO YOU
LAUGH?



YOU
LOOK
LIKE...

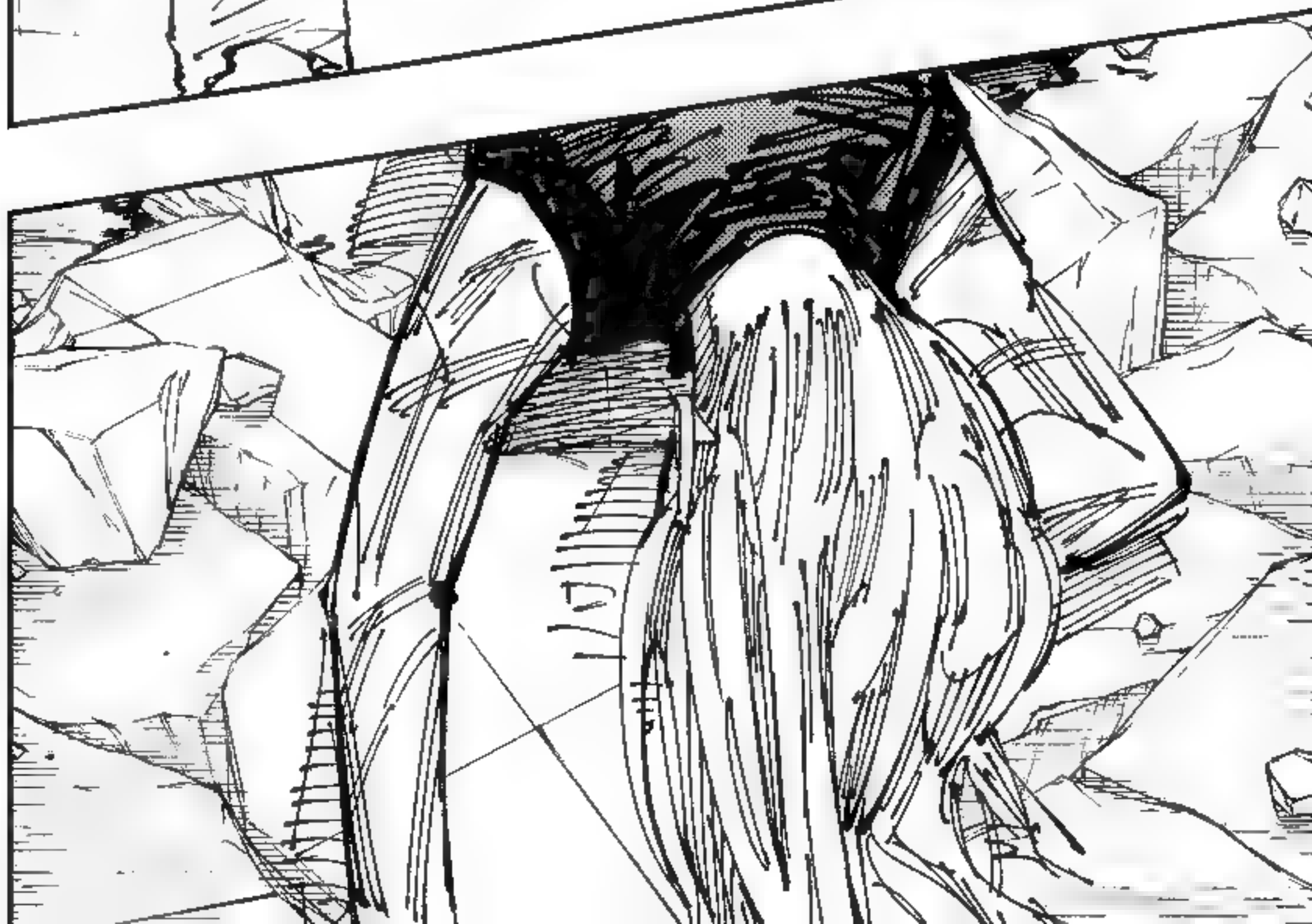


...TENGEN?



YOU
WANT TO
KNOW
WHAT I
CAN DO?







W-WHAT?!



...BUT
ONLY UP
TO A
CERTAIN
DENSITY!

STAR
RAGE'S
ALTERATIONS
IN MASS
DON'T
AFFECT
ME...





DENSITY! IF
THERE'S NO
LIMIT TO THE
MASS SHE
CAN ADD...



A BLACK
HOLE?!



IN TERMS
OF DENSITY,
IMAGINE
THE EARTH
SHRUNK TO
A DIAMETER
OF TWO
CENTIMETERS.

NOTHING CAN
ESCAPE, NOT
EVEN LIGHT

BLACK HOLES
POSSESS
EXTREME
DENSITY AND
IMMENSE
GRAVITY



GRAVITY.

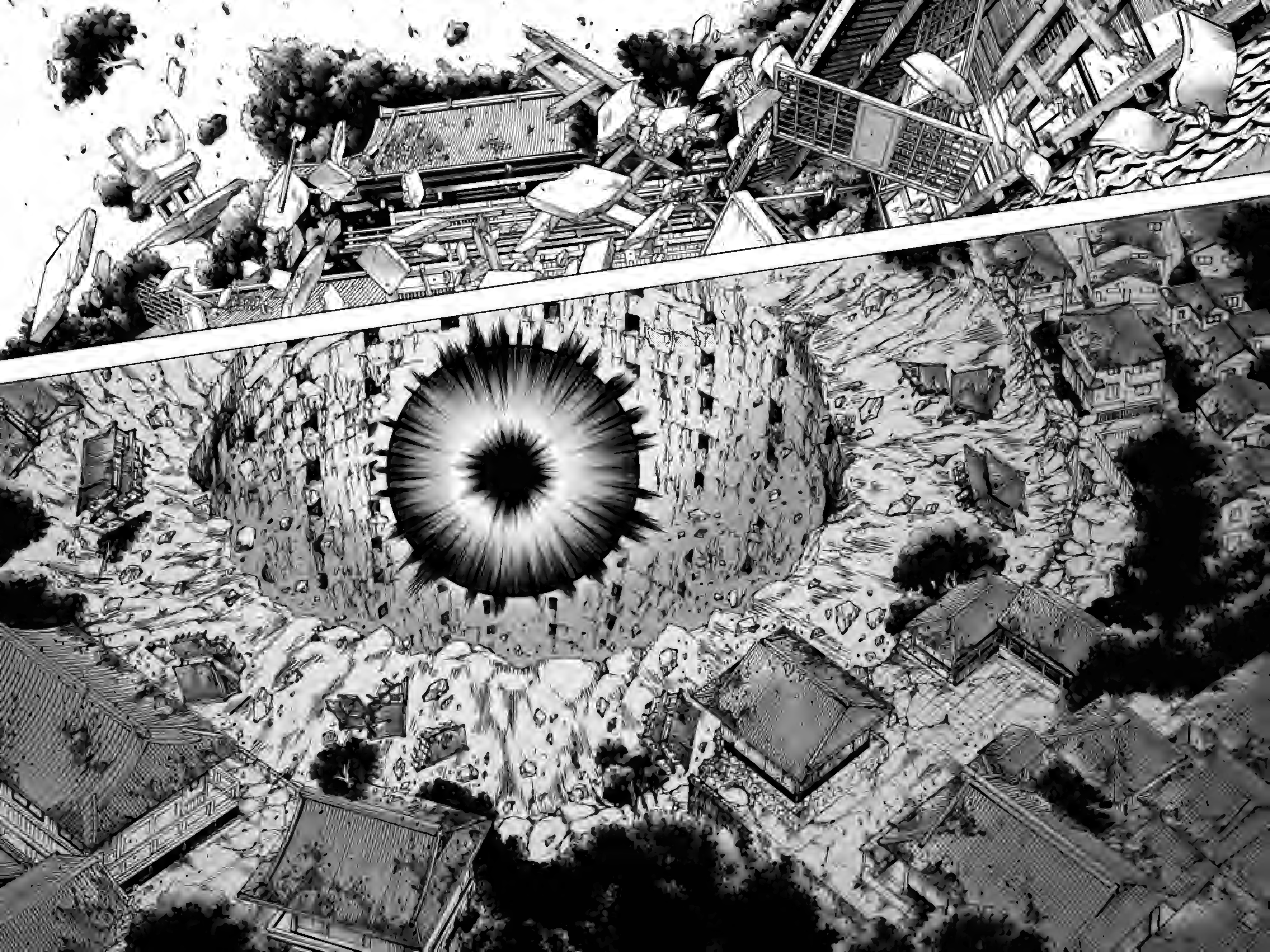
YOU
WIELD
GRAVITY.
SHOULDN'T
YOU HAVE
SEEN THIS
COMING?!

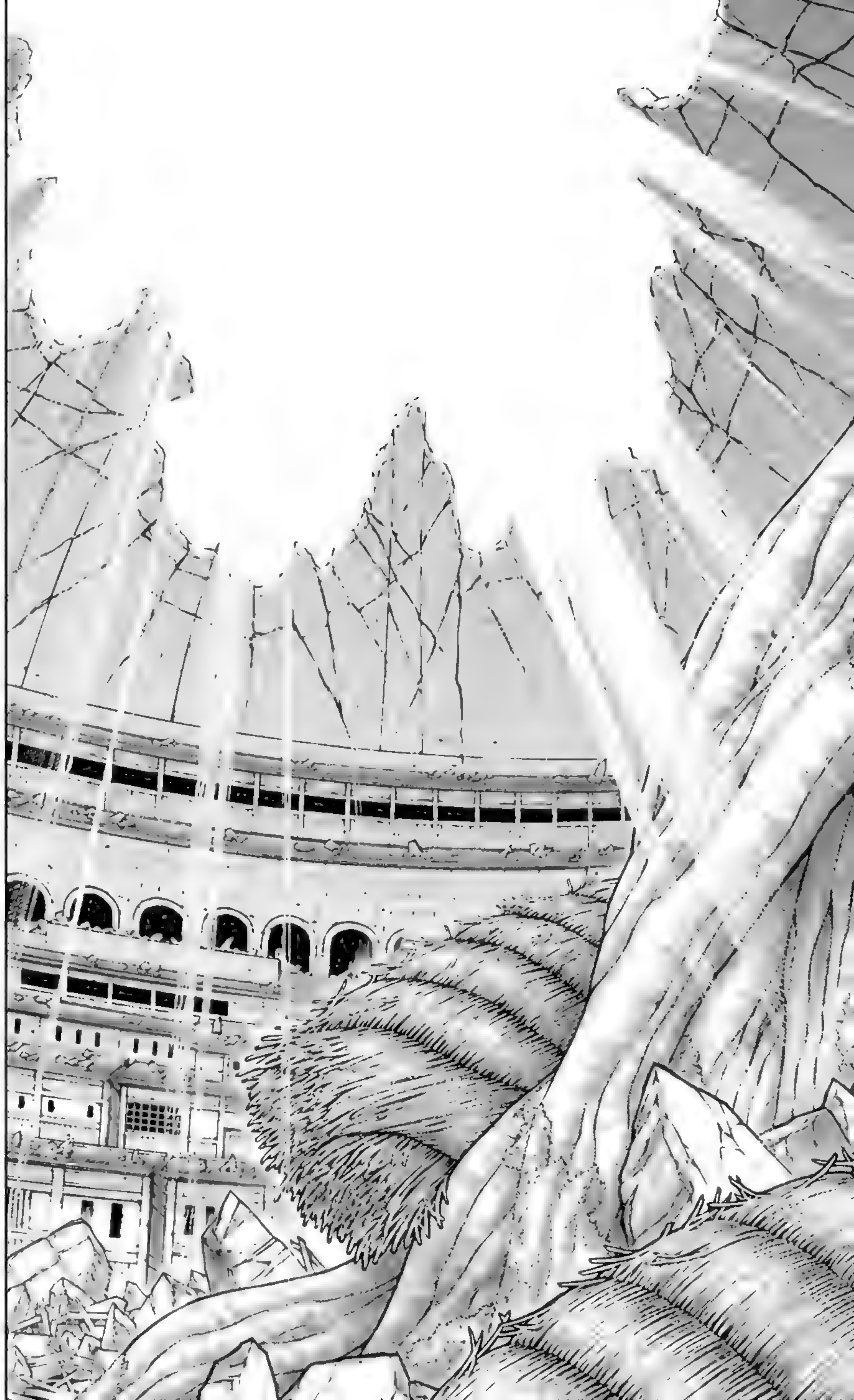
GRAVITY.

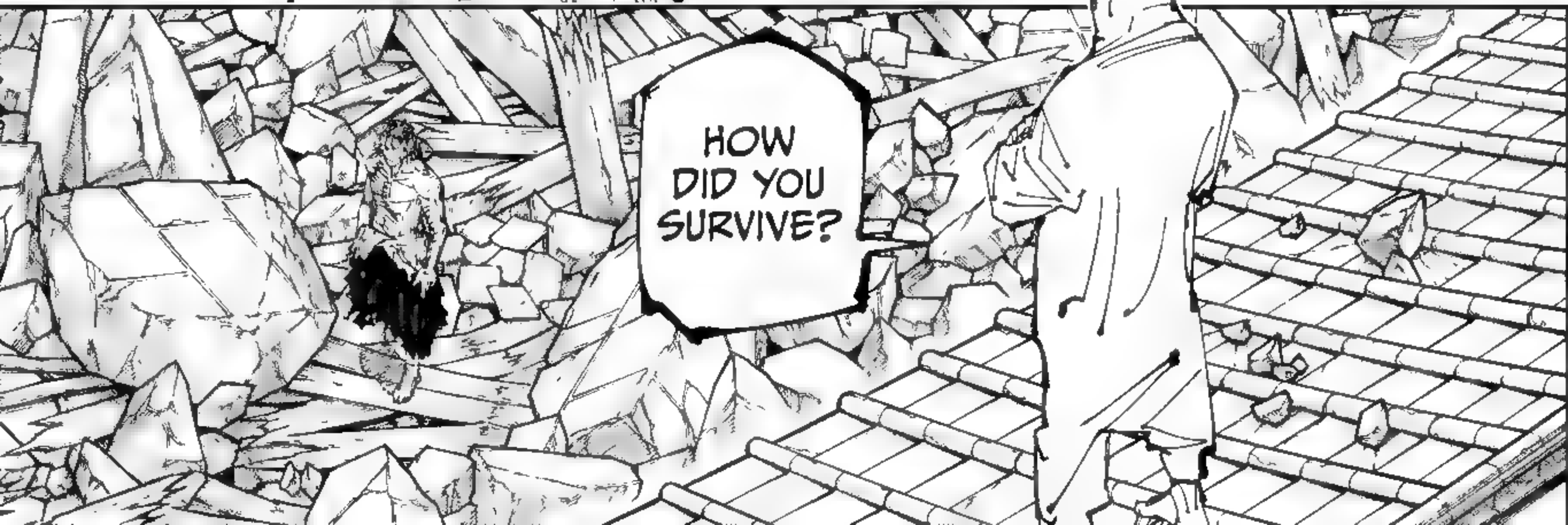
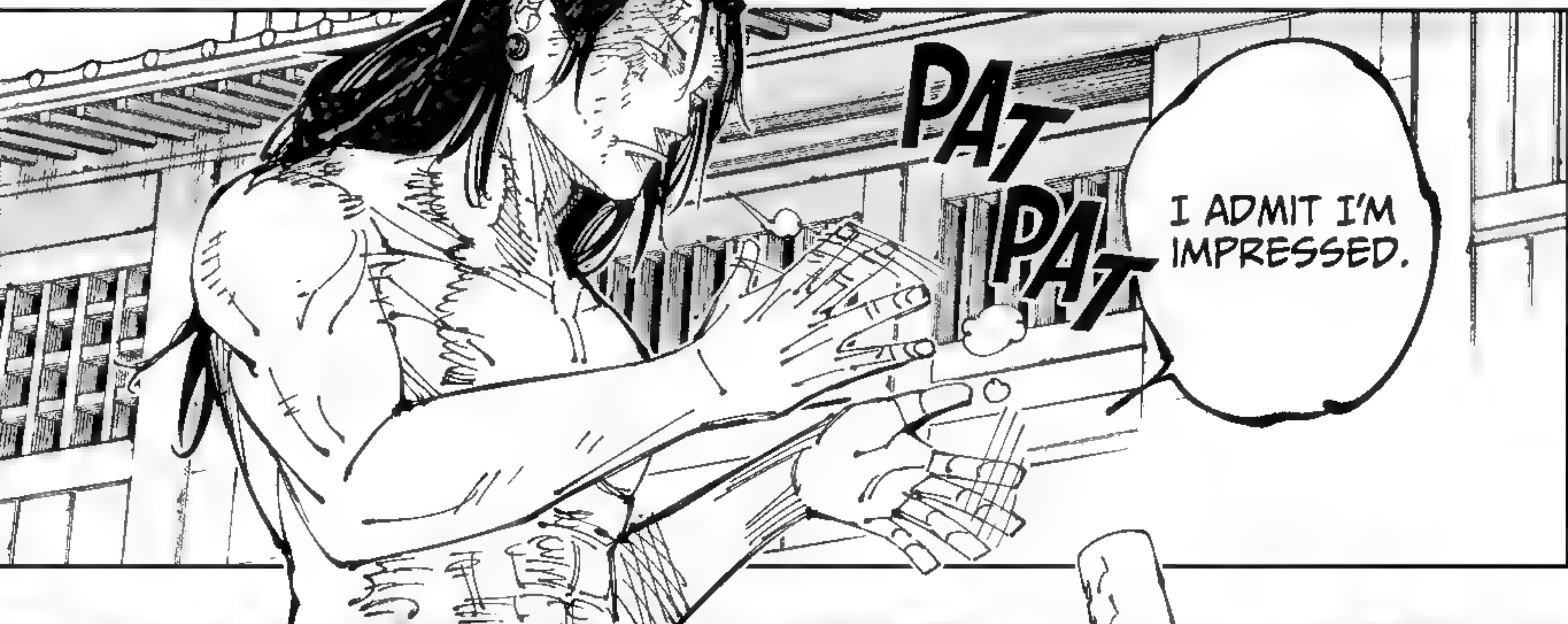
MASS.

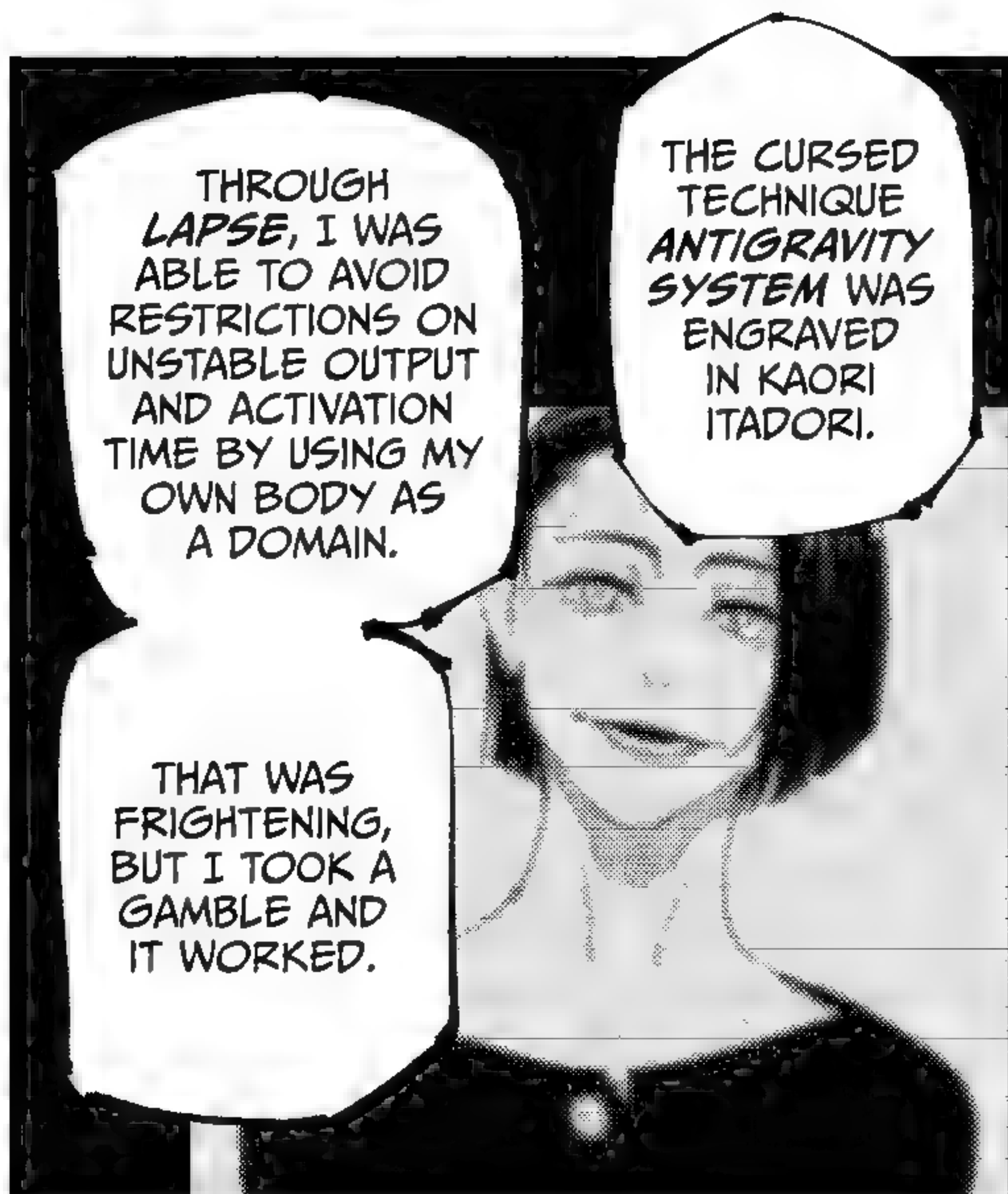
TIME.

THEY ALL
DESERVE
TO BE
TREATED
WITH THE
UTMOST
CAU-
TION!











**GOOD-
BYE...**



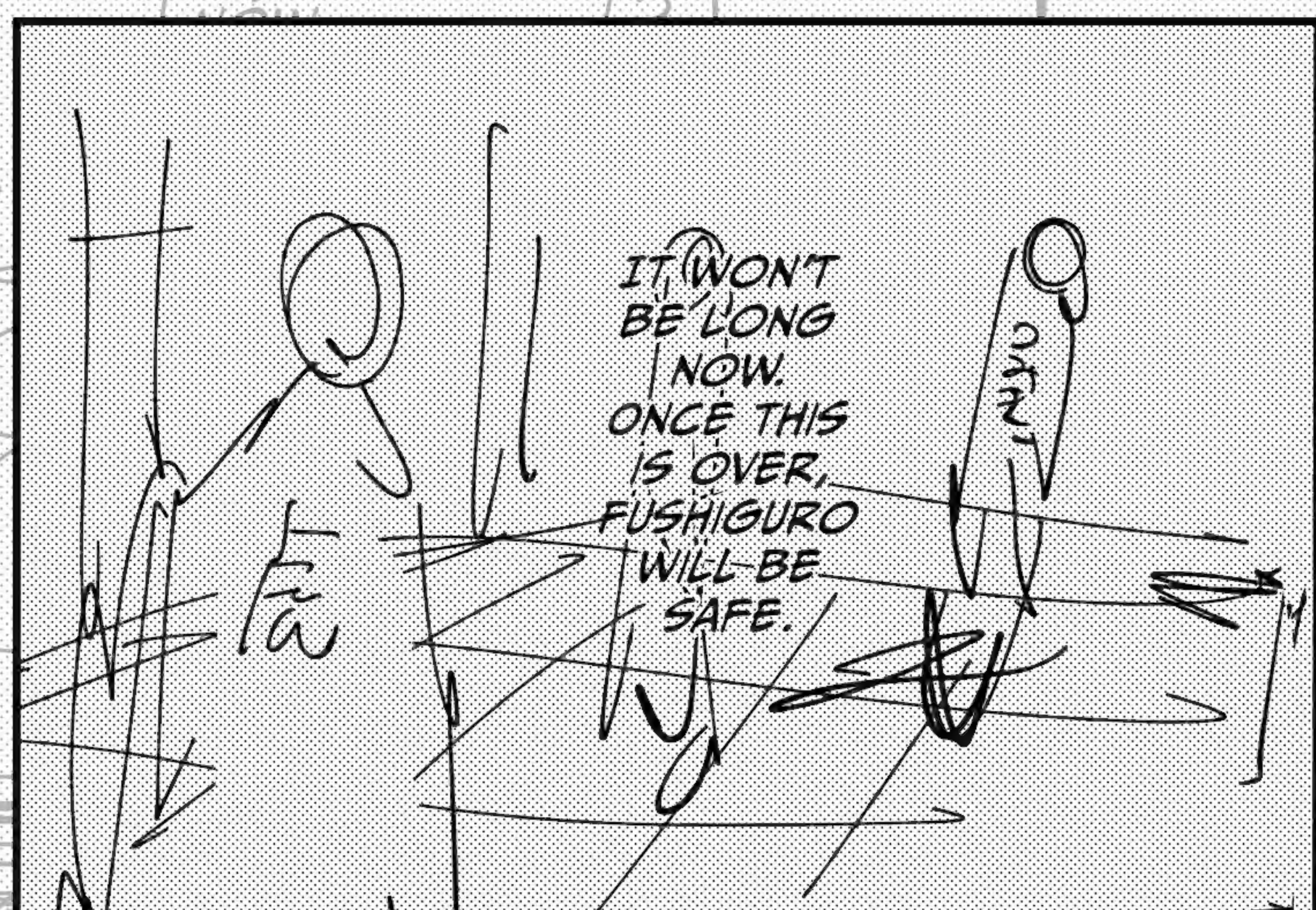
...FRIEND.

TO BE CONTINUED

TENGEN

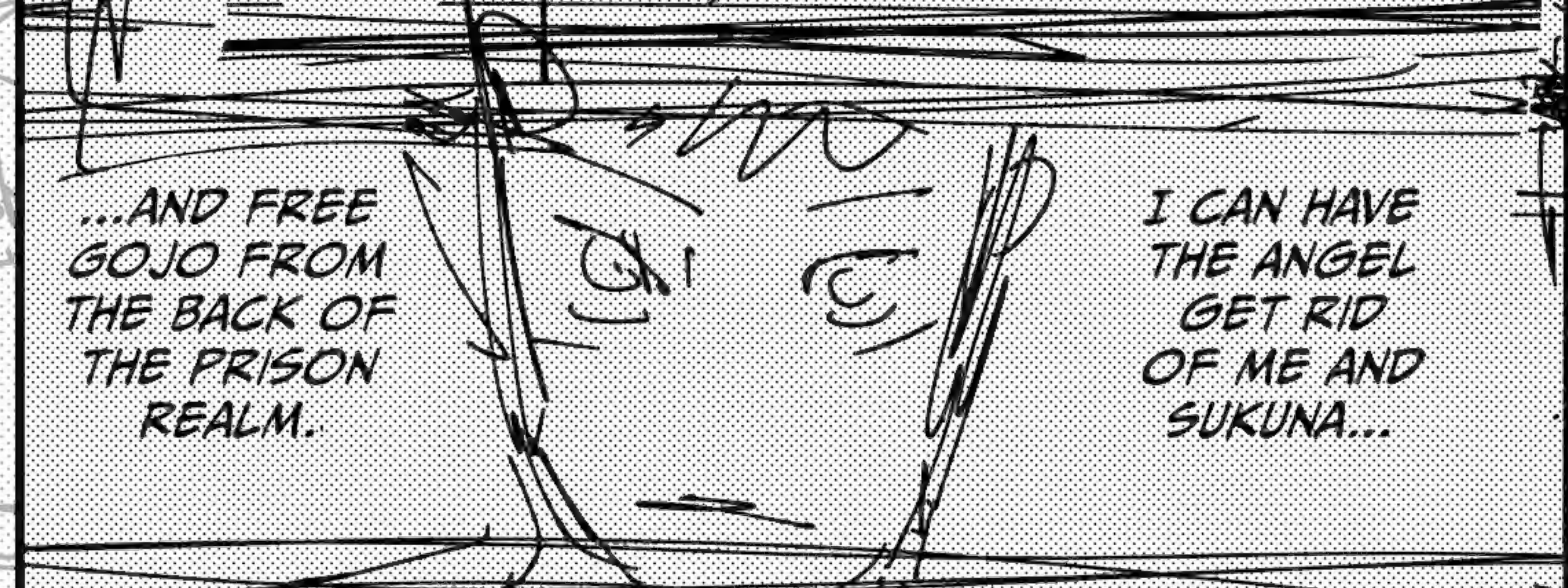


Rough sketches for the next volume!



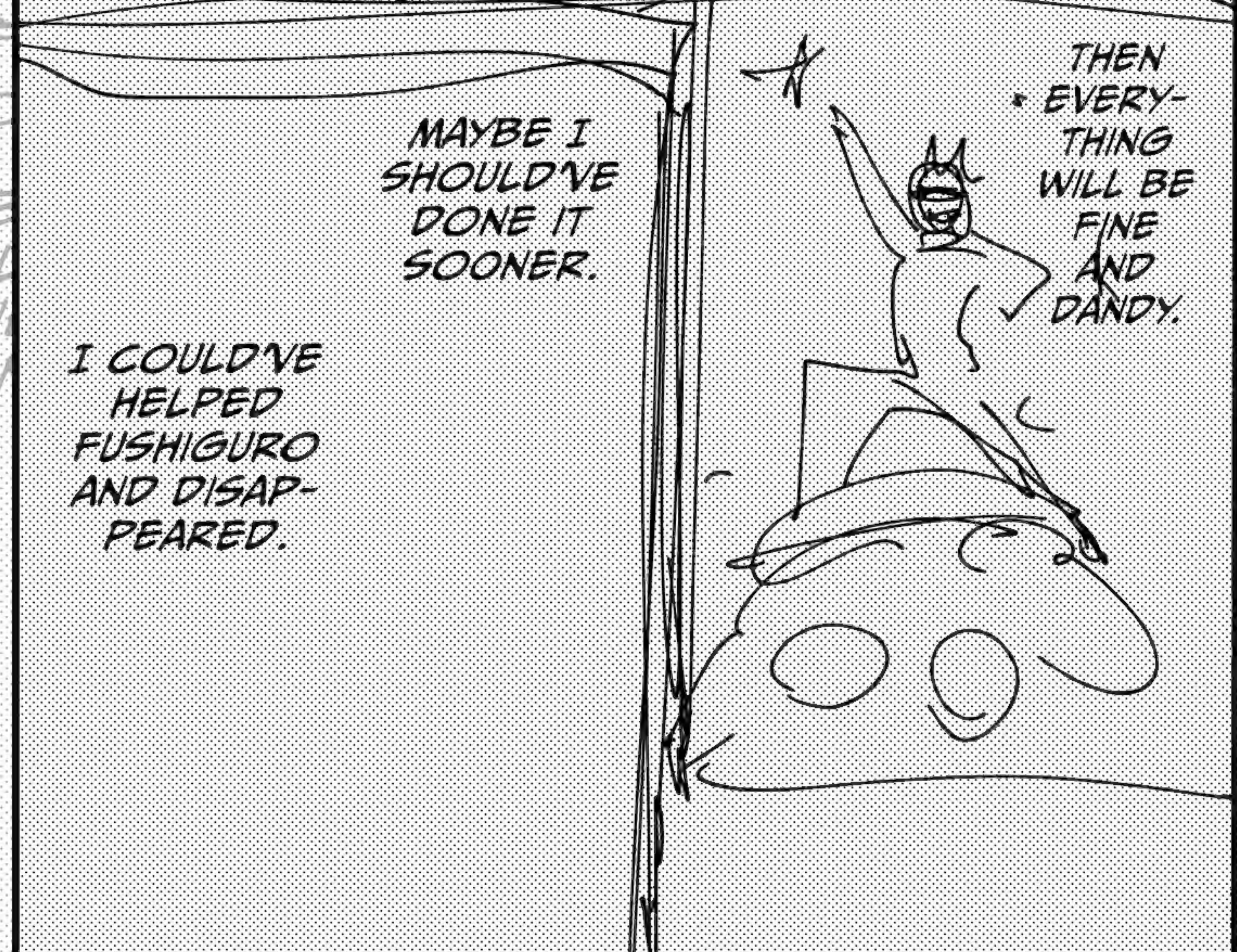
IT WON'T
BE LONG
NOW.
ONCE THIS
IS OVER,
FUSHIGURO
WILL BE
SAFE.

MY
COMRADES



...AND FREE
GOJO FROM
THE BACK OF
THE PRISON
REALM.

I CAN HAVE
THE ANGEL
GET RID
OF ME AND
SUKUNA...



MAYBE I
SHOULD'VE
DONE IT
SOONER.

I COULD'VE
HELPED
FUSHIGURO
AND DISAP-
PEARED.



THEN
EVERY-
THING
WILL BE
FINE
AND
DANDY.

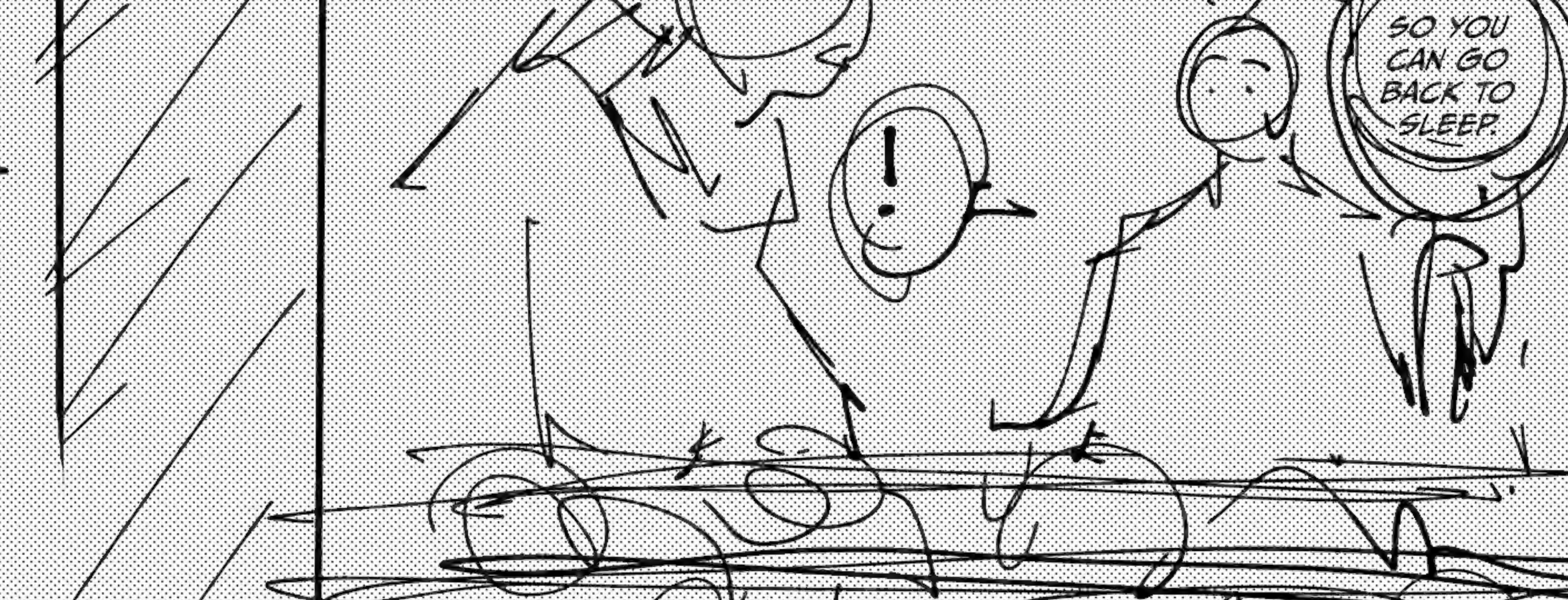


MY
COMRADES
AND I WILL
HANDLE IT.

THERE'S
NO NEED
TO WORRY.

I KNEW YOU
TWO WERE
WORKING
ON SOME-
THING DAN-
GEROUS.

YES. AND
ABOUT
GOJO.



SO YOU
CAN GO
BACK TO
SLEEP.



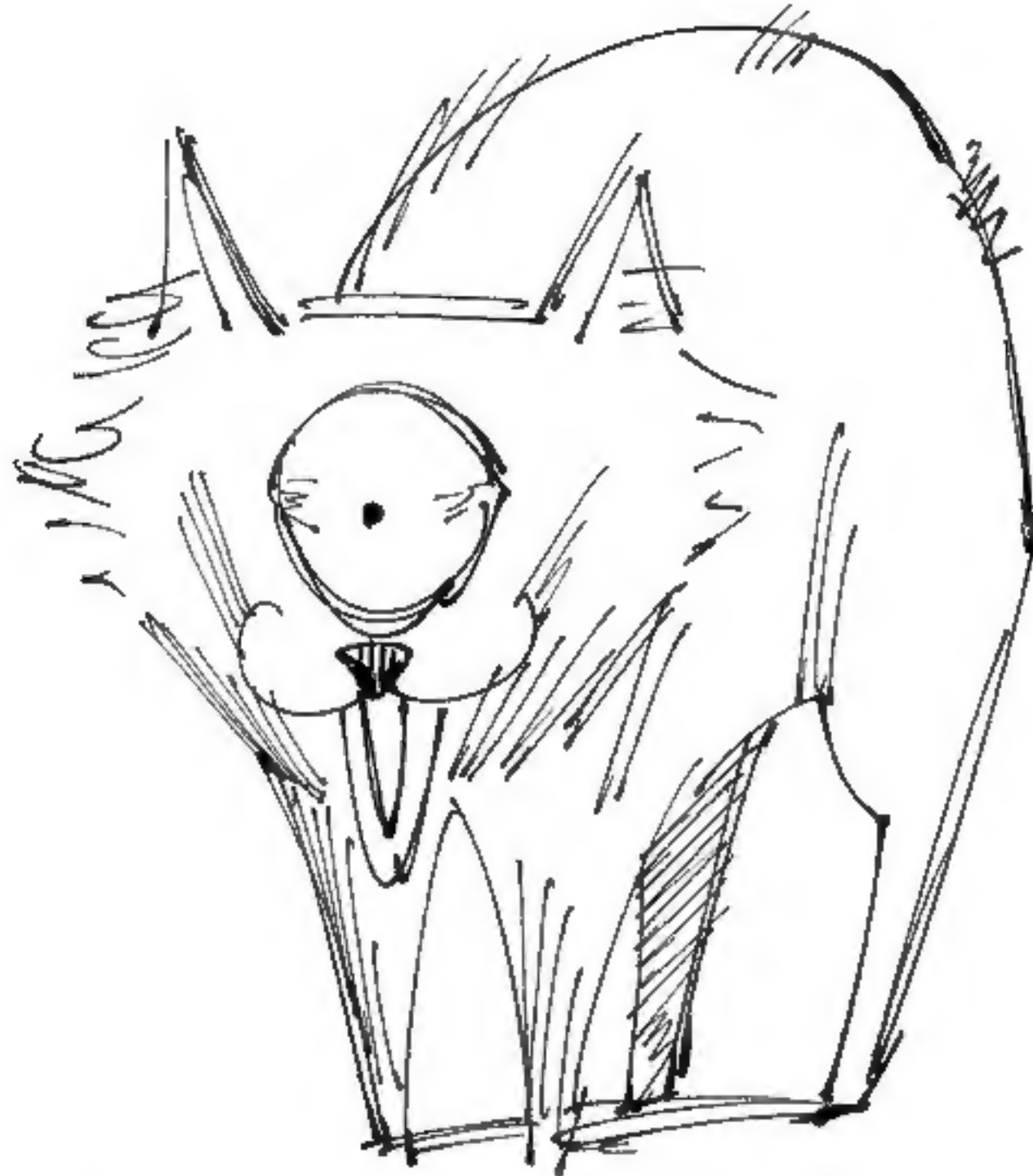
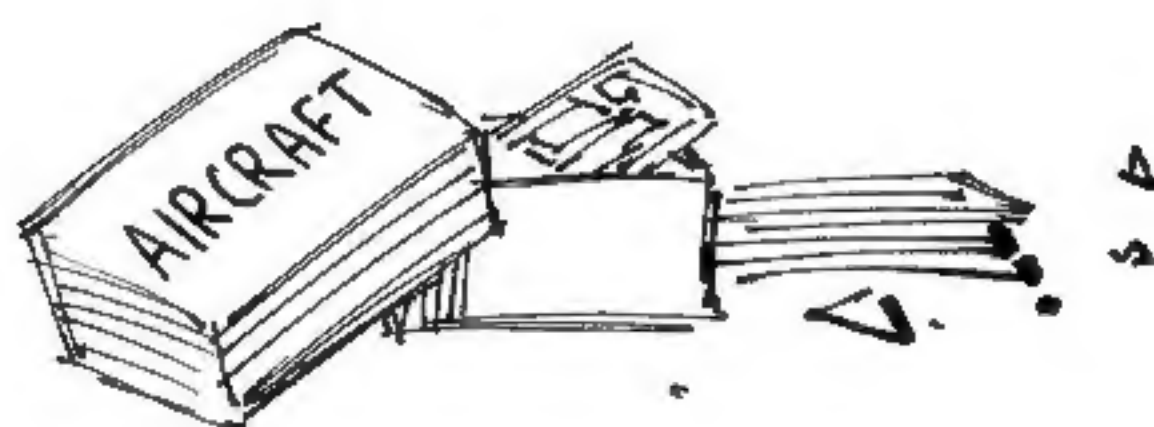
...YOU
HAVE A
SHARP
TONGUE.

HEH
HEH.

AS
USUAL...

I GOT ADVISORS! (4)

I BOUGHT A MODEL
OF AN AIRCRAFT THAT
APPEARS IN THE NEXT
VOLUME, BUT IT WASN'T
ALREADY PUT TOGETHER
AND NEEDED TO BE
ASSEMBLED. (DIFFICULTY:
DEMONIC.)



I GOT ADVISORS! (5)

I PUT IN AN OVERSEAS
ORDER FOR A MODEL OF AN
AUTOMOBILE THAT APPEARS
IN THE NEXT VOLUME,
BUT INSTEAD OF ALREADY
BEING PUT TOGETHER OR
REQUIRING ASSEMBLY,
IT WAS A BUNCH OF
SPARE PARTS.

